

100TH BOMB GROUP (H) MISSION NO. 159.

Field Order Number: 213
Primary Target: Sottevast (Noball).
Secondary & Last Resort: None.
Duty Officer: Lt. Shirley
Main Briefing: Capt. Terry
Gunnery: Lt. Bauman
Time of Briefing: 0435
E. T. R. 1133
Result: Completed

GP-100-SU-OR-S
SOTTEVAST (28 April 1944)

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MISSION NUMBER 159DATE 28-P-94MISSION FOLDER CHECK LIST

1. Warning order, field order, annexes;

Target maps & illustrations;

Briefing Information: a) Main & Gunners' Briefing,
 b) Camera installations,
 c) Lists of admission,
 d) Crew lists.

2. Formation chart;

Interrogation forms;

Combat forms & a) letter of transmittal,
 b) 3rd B.D. Evaluated Encounters letter,
 c) Evaluated Encounters ltr, 3rd B.D. to Station S-1.

3. A/C Returning Early;

Hot News;

Operational Statistics;

Operational Narrative;

Intelligence Narrative;

A/C Landing Away,

PRO Reports;

Miscellaneous reports: a) Equipment Malfunctions,
 b) Crew comments,
 c) Battle damage,
 d) Statistical flak forms,
 e) Sortie Information
 f) Flak form report;

Missing A/C and Missing Crew Reports.

4. 3rd B.D. Flash report, and narrative teletypes;
Strike photos, raid assessments, BCNO, etc;
Statistical Work Sheet;
Mission folder check list.

(Material placed in the folder in this order; material mentioned
 last is on top).

RESTRICTED**AUTH 8th Ftr Comm****Ltr of 14SEPT1945****Date SEP 19 1945** J.D.S.

PHOTO AND BOMB PLOTTING REPORT
(for Interrogator's use)

PILOT CHADWICK A/C NO. 31981

TARGET _____ DATE 31-3-44

BOMB LOAD _____

EXACT TIME BOMBS WERE RELEASED _____

A/C TRACK AT MOMENT BOMBS WERE RELEASED _____ TRUE AIR SPEED _____

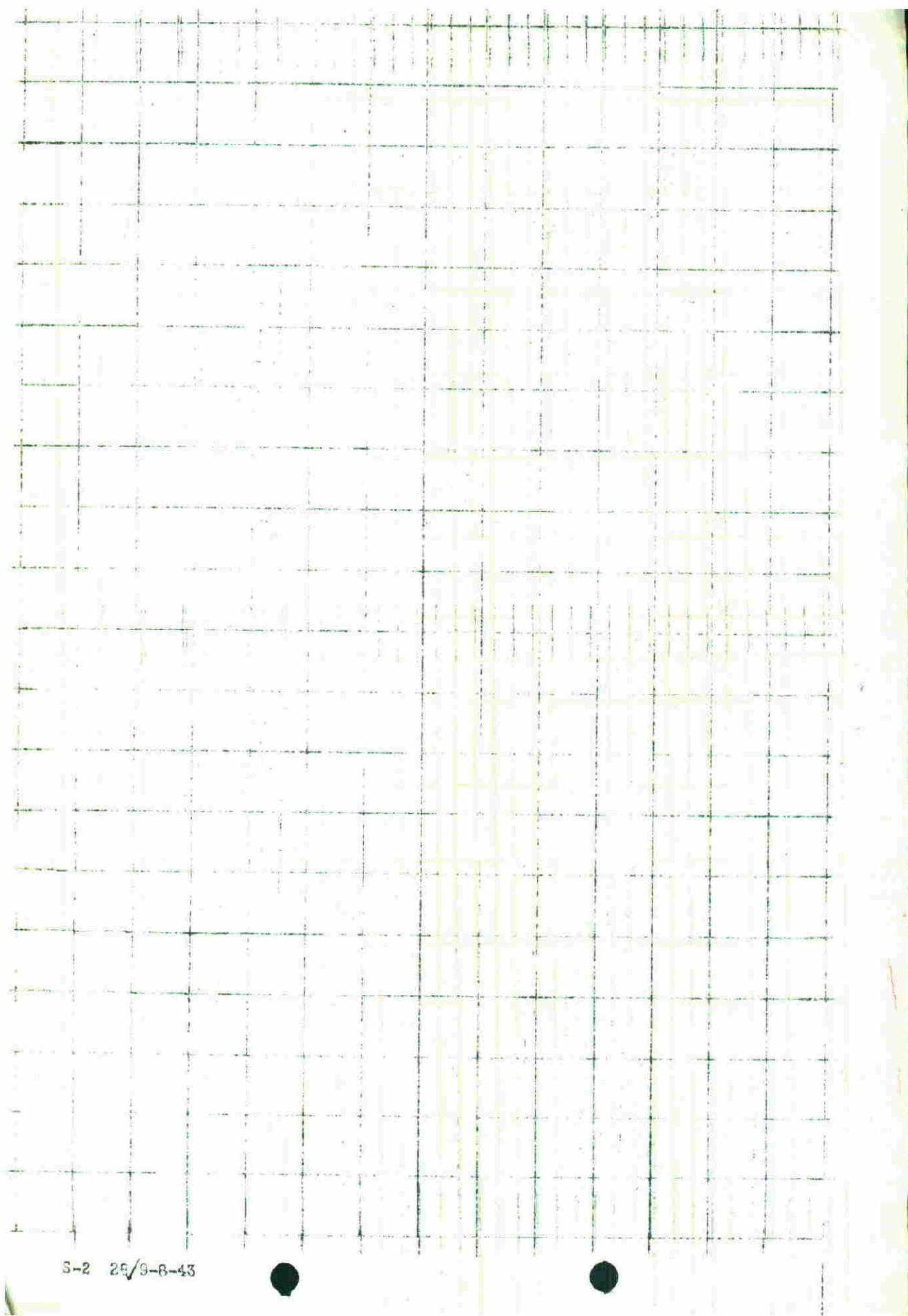
ALTITUDE AT TIME BOMBS WERE RELEASED _____

POSITION PHOTOGRAPHED IF OTHER THAN TARGET _____

CHECK "Y" AND "X" POSITION IN NOTATION

(Signature of Interrogator)

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AAF STATION 101
APO 634

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EIGHTH AIR FORCE NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

325th Operation - 28 April 1944

- 1st Bombardment Division - Avord A/F.
2nd Bombardment Division - Military Installation -
Pas de Calais area.
3rd Bombardment Division - Military Installation -
Cherbourg area.

In morning and afternoon attacks four combat wings of B-17s and three of B-24s were dispatched on missions against Avord A/F and military installations in the Pas de Calais and Cherbourg area. Escort to these operations was provided by eight groups of the VIII Fighter Command. Weather over military installations in the Cherbourg area prevented all but 15 a/c from attacking and hindered photographic assessment of results. However, the Avord A/F and an important military installation in the Pas de Calais area were attacked by a preponderant number of bombers dispatched and results were very good on the former and fair on the other. There was no enemy opposition to the attacks on the military installation and opposition to the a/c which went to Avord A/F was slight, the heaviest concentration being 25-40 e/a in the target area in weak and non-persistent attacks. Four B-17s were lost, all to flak. Three fighters were also lost, two on escort patrol and one from one of the four fighter-bomber attacks which were carried out in concentration with the main bomber operations. Bomber claims are not available. Fighter claims for the entire day's operations were 9-0-6, all on the ground.

BOMBER OPERATIONS

Unit	(AB)	Number of A/C			Lost	Primary		Tens		D.T.'s	
		Disp.	Attacked	O.T.'s		G.P.	I.B.	Frag.	G.P.	I.B.	
<u>1ST BOMB DIV.</u>											
1st C.W.	59	59	58	0	2	174	0	0	0	0	0
40th C.W.	55	58	58	0	0	65.7	37	34	0	0	0
	124	117	116	0	2	239.7	37	34	0	0	0
<u>2ND BOMB DIV.</u>											
2nd C.W.	15	14	14	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0
20th C.W.	23	23	23	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	0
96th C.W.	10	10	10	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0
	48	47	47	0	0	183	0	0	0	0	0
<u>3RD BOMB DIV.</u>											
4th C.W.	42	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13th C.W.	58	64	15	3	2	45	0	0	9	0	0
	110	106	15	3	2	45	0	0	9	0	0
<u>OPERATIONAL</u>											
TOTALS	282	270	178	3	4	467.7	37	34	9	0	0

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BOMBING RESULTS:

Avord A/F - Very good results.

116 B-17s dropped 348 x 1000 G.P., 438 x 300 G.P. and 680 x 100 fragmentation bombs - 273.7 tons - and 741 x 100 I.B. - 37 tons between 1154 and 1203 hours from 14,000 to 17,000 feet.

Two concentrations of H.E. fell into the hangar and barracks area at the southern edge of the field causing extensive damage. Four large double-bay hangars received direct hits, and one can be seen to be 50 percent destroyed. Two of the hangars were burning fiercely at the end of the attack. A fifth hangar received a direct hit near corner with slight damage resulting. Direct hits also fell in the barracks area where damage is considered severe.

A concentration of H.E. also fell into the hangar area on the eastern edge of the field and three large hangars received direct hits, of which the first is completely demolished and the second, 50 percent destroyed. I.B.'s fell into the workshop-barracks area and at least 14 barracks or workshops received direct hits. Fragmentation bombs covered most of the dispersal area on the northwestern edge of the field. Five a/c were visible on the field during the attack, two of which are burning and can be considered as destroyed.

Military Installation - Pas de Calais area - Fair results.

47 B-24s dropped 60 x 2000 G.P. and 246 x 1000 G.P. - 183 tons - between 1759 and 1805 hours from 21,000 to 22,800 feet.

Bombs fell in the target area, but did not hit the most vital components. One of the five vital sections was damaged to a slight extent.

Military Installation - Cherbourg - Unknown results.

15 B-17s dropped 90 x 1000 G.P. - 45 tons - between 1010 and 1035 hours from 21,000 to 22,200 feet.

Strike attack photographs show bombs in vicinity of target, but results cannot be conclusively assessed because of 3/10 cloud. Ground detail in target area has been positively identified, however.

Target of Opportunity - Unknown results.

Three B-17s dropped 18 x 1000 G.P. - 9 tons - on a T/O in the Cherbourg area at 1035 hours from 22,000 feet.

ENCOUNTERS: Enemy air opposition to the B-17s attacking Avord A/F was slight, and there was no air opposition to either the morning or afternoon attacks on military installations in the Pas de Calais and Cherbourg areas. No bombers were lost during the day's operations to enemy fighter attacks.

One wing of the force attacking Avord A/F were bounced by 25 to 40 Me-109s and FW-190s about ten minutes past the target at 4725N-0210E. Attacks lasted for only three minutes. A mass attack was made from 12 o'clock, but was not pressed home by all a/c, many failing to come within .50 caliber range of our bombers' guns. However, one report was made of eight FW-190s breaking through clouds beneath the formation and climbing straight up through the bombers. FW-190s with inline engines were noted.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

REASONS FOR FAILURE TO BOMB: 88 B-17s failed to bomb - 1 B-17 due to mechanical failure and 87 B-17s because of adverse weather.

CASUALTIES: Personnel - 12 crew members were wounded and 41 are missing.

Equipment - 4 a/c were lost, all to AA.

Estimated Battle Damage - 82 B-17s and 19 B-24s suffered minor damage and 15 B-17s suffered major damage.

AAFI-AIRCRAFT FIRE: Moderate and fairly accurate flak was encountered at Avord A/F, causing the loss of two B-17s. Flak was meager to moderate and accurate in the Cherbourg area and meager and inaccurate over Guernsey Island, accounting for the loss of two additional B-17s. In the Pas de Calais area flak was moderate, accurate and predictor-controlled at the target; and moderate, fairly accurate between Calais and Gravelines.

WEATHER: 3/10 to 4/10 cloud at Avord A/F and considerable ground haze made it difficult to positively identify MPI's. On route to and from the target, there were scattered clouds. Weather did not affect mission to target in the Pas de Calais area, but cloud cover obscuring target areas in the Cherbourg area, prevented all but 15 a/c of one force from bombing assigned targets. Some squadrons made two runs over targets awaiting breaks without success.

OBSERVATIONS: There was much activity observed at Romorantin A/F. Approximately 40 vehicles parked on beach, and 25 barges in the water at 5100N-0158E.

FIGHTER OPERATIONS

Eight groups, totalling 301 fighters provided escort for both the morning and afternoon bomber operations. An additional four groups totalling 158 fighters, carried out fighter-bomber attacks on Tours, Chateaudun and an unidentified A/F northeast of Paris in conjunction with the bomber operations.

118 P-47s and 87 P-51s of six groups escorted the B-17s which attacked Avord A/F, making claims of 8-0-3 in strafing attacks for the loss of two P-51s, one of which was lost to flak. One group of 46 P-47s escorted the B-17s which attacked a military installation in the Cherbourg area in the morning. Mission was uneventful and there were no claims or losses. 50 P-47s of another group escorted the B-24s in the Pas de Calais area without incident.

Altogether three fighters were lost, two P-51s and one P-38 while total fighter claims were 9-0-6, all on the ground.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Type of A/C</u>	<u>Type of Mission</u>	<u>No A/C on Mission</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Claims</u>
<u>65th Fighter Wing</u>					
356	P-47	Pen., Tgt., & Withdrawal	46	0	0-0-0
56A	P-47	Area Support	24	0	0-0-0
56B	P-47	Area Support	24	0	0-0-0
56	P-47	Dive-Bombing	24	0	0-0-0
			<u>118</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0-0-0</u>
<u>66th Fighter Wing</u>					
55	P-38	Bombing	52	0	0-0-0
353	P-47	Dive-Bombing	36	0	1-0-1+
78A	P-47	Penetration	46	0	0-0-2+
357	P-51	Target Support (Avord)	45	1	0-0-0
78B	P-47	Withdrawal Support (Avord)	24	0	0-0-0
			<u>203</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1-0-3</u>

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Type of A/C</u>	<u>Type of Mission</u>	<u>No A/C on Mission</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Claims</u>
352	P-51	Area Support (Avord)	42	1	8-0-3+
20	P-38	Bombing	47	1	0-0-0
361	P-47	Close escort & area support	50	0	0-0-0
			139	2	8-0-3
OPERATIONAL TOTAL			460	3	9-0-6

+ on ground

Escort to BombersEscort to B-17 Force Assigned to Attack Avord A/F

The 78 A Group rendezvoused at 1048 hours and escorted the bombers to Romorantin, leaving them after the 357th Group had taken over. No e/a were seen in the air. The 56 A Group, on type 16 control, reached the Chartres area at 0945 hours, vectored east and then south orbiting between Chartres and Orleans and patrolling as vectored. No e/a were seen in the sky, but through a break in the overcast, 20 plus s/e e/a were seen on the Orleans/Bricy A/F. Big fires were observed on the southeast side of Chateaudun A/F. The 56 B Group, also on type 16 control, made landfall in at Caen at 1034 hours, patrolling uneventfully the Chalons, Le Mans, Chartres and Tours areas. No e/a were seen in the air. The 357th Group rendezvoused with the bombers at Chateaudun at 1118 hours, escorting them through the target area to 50 miles southwest of Chateaudun at 1250 hours. South of the target, 10 to 20 s/e e/a made one head-on pass at the front box of bombers, diving into undercast away from our fighters. Two bombers were seen to go down near the target. The 352nd Group, under type 16 control, was vectored away from their area as briefed and rendezvoused with two combat wings in the vicinity of Vatan. Escort was broken in the vicinity of Lisieux at 1300 hours. The 78 B Group made rendezvous 15 miles west of Chateaudun at 1235 hours, leaving them at 1345 hours a few minutes before reaching the English Coast. No e/a were seen.

Fighter-Bomber Attacks

Chateaudun A/F: - Chateaudun A/F was attacked by P-38s of the 55th Group using level bombing technique and P-47s of the 353rd Group which dive-bombed the target. P-38s attacked first, 49 a/c dropping 49 x 100 G.P. - 24.5 tons - with excellent results, pilots reporting that bombs saturated the northeast dispersal area. Three additional P-38s acted as escort to the remainder of the group. After the 55th had dropped its bombs, the P-38s circled the A/F rendering top cover to P-47s of the 353rd Group. 34 P-47s each carrying 2 x 500 G.P. dive-bombed the target with two additional P-47s as escort. 65 x 500 G.P. - 16.2 tons - were dropped with bursts reported on the hangar area, southeast dispersal and ammunition dump. After bombing, the southeast dispersal area was strafed with one unidentified e/a observed to explode and one t/a e/a believed damaged. Fighters reported intense light flak in the vicinity of the field and one fighter received minor damage. No e/a were met in the air and only claims are 1-0-1 for the strafing attacks.

Tours A/F: - 35 P-38s of the 20th Fighter Group dropped 34 x 1000 G.P. - 17 tons - on Tours A/F with results reported as excellent. Level bombing technique was used from 20,000 feet. The only opposition was by moderate, accurate, heavy flak over the target, and one P-38 was lost to this fire. No claims are made.

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A/F Northeast of Paris:- 16 P-47s carrying fragmentation bombs and 8 escorting P-47s, all of the 55th Group found their primary target, a French A/F, cloud covered, and dive-bombed an unidentified A/F northeast of Paris, dropping 96 x 500 frags. with unobserved results. Neither e/a nor flak were reported and there were no claims or losses.

Strafing Attacks and Fighter Observations

65th Fighter Wing:- Pilots of the 56 A Group reported 20 plus s/e e/a on Orleans/Bricy A/F and also verified results of the attack on Chateaudun A/F reporting large fires on the southeast side of the field.

66th Fighter Wing:- One flight of the 78 A Group strafed Chateaudun A/F, damaging 2 He-111s and also shooting up a guard house and gun positions. This group also reported buildings on the field badly damaged and fires still burning.

67th Fighter Wing:- The 352nd Group strafed two unidentified A/Fs in the vicinity of Avord, two A/Fs in the vicinity of Bourges and an A/F near Chateaudun. The group claims one s/e and 7 t/e e/a destroyed and 3 t/e e/a damaged by these attacks.

NOTE: The foregoing is based on preliminary information and should not be used for record purposes.

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MISSING A/C REPORT

A/C No. ~~XXX~~ 056 Squadron 349 Group 100 Date missing 28/4/44

Pilot Lt. J. W. McGuire 11 Ball T. Gunner S/Sgt. J. P. Ribuffo 10

Co-pilot Lt. R. L. Bradley 11 TT Gunner T/Sgt. F. V. DeGroot 11

Navigator Lt. J. M. Jones 12 Tail Gunner S/Sgt. J. W. Sabotka 11

Bombardier S/Sgt. J. A. Eck 13 RW Gunner S/Sgt. D. E. Kuntz 11

Radio Operator T/Sgt. R. M. McCaughin 11 LW Gunner S/Sgt. A. R. Dill 11

Observer

Target Z-3067

Position of A/C in Group: (Circle on diagram) →

Position of Group in Formation: 3rd Group in 13 CW

How many chutes were seen? 2

Was A/C lost to: Fighters; AA Fire; Aerial Bomb; Collision; Other: AA Fire

Where did A/C sustain initial damage? 4932-0130W.

Where was A/C last seen? 49 32-0130W.

How many previous raids made by crew? in parenthesis by names

Date of last P/W briefing? (Approx.) 29/3/44

Give a complete narrative citing all known facts not covered by the above questions, using reverse side if necessary. If weather was contributing factor, describe briefly.

A/C # 056 received a direct flake hit on #1 engine. Knocked engine out and laid it on wing. Wing caught fire. A/C peeled off into second element, disrupting it and glided down into clouds. 2 chutes were seen. A/C was hit at 1020 hours at 4932N 0130W.

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Lt. J.W. MCGUIRE, A/c # 056

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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Submit one copy to S-1.

IMPORTANT: The following report will be completed within 36 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station # 139 Course SSW
 Intended Destination SOTTEVAST, FRANCE; Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
6-8/10 cloud undercast
4. GIVE: (a) Date 28/4/44; Time 1026; and Location 4932 N 0130 W
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; () Last Contacted by Radio;
 () Forced Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: Check only one () Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows _____
11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:
 Check only one column
- | Name in Full
(Last Name First) | Rank | Serial
Number | Contacted
By
Radio | Last
Sighted | Saw
Crash | Saw
Forced
Landing |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1. <u>COWAN, C.H.</u> | <u>1ST LT.</u> | <u>6-741884</u> | | <u>X</u> | | |
| 2. <u>WRIGHT, R.W.</u> | <u>2ND LT.</u> | <u>0-751334</u> | | <u>X</u> | | |
| 3. _____ | | | | | | |
12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

A/c # 056 received a direct flak hit on #1 engine. Knocked out engine out and laid it back on wing. Wing caught fire. A/c peeled off into second element disrupting it and glided down into clouds. 2 Chutes were seen. A/c was hit at 1020 hours at 4932 N 0130 W.

Capt W. H. Lakin
afC # 024

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

S-2

Submit one copy to S-1.

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2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station 139 Course SSE
Intended Destination SOTTEVAST, FRANCE Type of Mission Operations

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:

6/10 to 8/10 clouds
4. GIVE: (a) Date 28/4/44; Time 1019; and Location 4933N-0130W

of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.

(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; () Last Contacted by Radio;
() Forced Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.

5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: Check only one () Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Check only one column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
			By Radio	Last Sighted		
1. <u>G. E. Hoar</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-779152</u>		<u>X</u>		
2. <u>E. P. Noor</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>0-801964</u>		<u>X</u>		
3. <u>G. W. Woold</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>0-641333</u>		<u>X</u>		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) seen to disintegrate

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

024 was hit by two bursts of flak; one near cockpit and one near tail. Cockpit burst into flames. Plane went into vertical dive; top turret came off as plane entered clouds and it seemed to disintegrate without exploding. No chute seen. Plane hit at 1019, one minute after bombs away near 4933N-0130W. One chute was seen.

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MISSING A/C REPORT

A/C No. 024 Squadron 350 Group 100 Date Missing 28/4/44

Pilot Col. Kelly

Capt. W. G. Lakin

Ball T. Gunner S/Sgt. A. M. Freitas

Co-pilot Col. R. H. Kelly

TT Gunner T/Sgt. J. C. Brown

Navigator Capt. J. H. Payne

Tail Gunner S/Sgt. D. E. Barnhart

Bombardier Lt. M. H. Cain

RM Gunner S/Sgt. J. N. Spiker

Radio Operator T/Sgt. L. R. Cannon

LW Gunner S/Sgt. J. A. Richard

Observer Lt. J. T. Fitzroy - Co-pilot Tail gunner.

Target Z-3067

Position of A/C in Group: (Circle on diagram) →

Position of Group in Formation: 3rd Group in 13CW

How many chutes were seen? None

Was A/C lost to: Fighters; AA Fire; Aerial Bomb; Collision; Other: AA Fire

Where did A/C sustain initial damage? one minute after target. (4933-0130W)

Where was A/C last seen? at 1019 one minute after target.

How many previous raids made by crew? In parenthesis by names

Date of last P/W briefing? (Approx.) 7/10/44

Give a complete narrative citing all known facts not covered by the above questions, using reverse side if necessary. If weather was contributing factor, describe briefly.

A/C 024 was hit by two bursts of flak; one near cockpit and one near tail. Cockpit burst into flames. Plane went into vertical dive; top turret came off as plane entered clouds and it seemed to disintegrate without exploding. No chutes seen. Plane hit at 1019 one minute after bombs away near 4933N-0130W.

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FLAK REPORT

TO: AA Officer, A-2 Section, Hq. 4th Bomb Wing, APO 634

FROM: 100th Bomb Group Capt. M. B. Arick
(Group) (Reporting Officer)

TARGET: Noball A/18 DATE OF ATTACK: 28 April 1944

1. The 100th Group flew as (high, lead, low) of the 13 C.W.

in the 3rd XXXXXXX Bomb Division

Sq.
Altitude of Lead XXE 21,000'

Sq.
Altitude of High XXE 22,200'

Sq.
Altitude of Low XXEX 20,500'

REMARKS:
Low squadron did not bomb

2. Actual route followed over enemy territory (giving names of towns if possible) Lead Sq. 4927N - 0150W to 4916N - 0142W to 4922N - 0148W to 4933N
0130W to 4943N - 0120W, made two runs over target.
High Sq. 4934N - 0227W to 1P to target (target again after 360° circle) to 4932N -
0127W. Low Sq. 4922N - 0249W to 4926N - 0132W to (made another run 360° circle)
3. Visibility at target. (Condensation, trails, clouds, etc.) to 4922N - 0249W.
a/10 spotted.
4. No. of A/C over target 22 including one which flew with 95th.
5. A/C damaged by, and/or lost to flak: 2 lost, 5 seriously and 7 slightly

A/C No.	Height	Classifi- cation	Brief Description (i.e. place lost, extent of damage, etc.
#024	21,000'	lost	
#056	22,200'	lost	
#007	20,500'	slightly	Skin damage, few holes
#867	20,500'	"	" " " , hole in tail turret & #2 engine
#987	22,200'	seriously	Right aileron & stabilizer(W) change, also skin damage
#127	22,200'	seriously	#3 engine, right horizontal stabilizer, & left elevator change, also #4 supercharger change. Skin damage
#1249	22,200'	seriously	Left horizontal stabilizer change
#1895	20,500'	slightly	skin damage.
#0152	22,200'	"	Few holes and skin damage
#7071	flew with 95th	"	Skin damage
#991	21,000'	"	2 holes and skin damage
#2009	21,000'	seriously	Hole #3 tokio tank, left out board wing panel
#1537	21,000'	seriously	Hole in right inboard wing panel hitting #7 tokio tank, few holes and skin damage.
#7154	21,000'	slightly	Hole in trailing edge of left elevator.

7. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing? Lead Sq. 60 sec.
High Sq. 20 sec. Low sq. 5 sec. 2nd run 10 sec.
8. Turn after bombing. (Course away from target)
All turned right to 105°
9. Short description of evasive action in target area.
All "S" ing with loss & climb of altitude.
10. A description of flak en route and at target, including if possible, suggestions as to type of fire control employed. Include herein any phenomena or comments.

On route in no flak was reported seen from the islands off of the French coast. The 100th group was the last group in and heavy flak smoke was observed over the peninsula with guns about 10 miles in the distance firing a barrage over Cherbourg (with no planes in vicinity) when they reached the French coast and the group broke up into squadrons for the bomb run. On the initial bomb run the flak was generally inaccurate with both seen and unseen continuous pointed fire used. The peninsula had a general undercast of 5/10 to 8/10 low clouds with the target area 8/10 undercast. On the initial run the flak was low to level and high, using bursts of 4 and 6 and was generally to the left. As the target was not located on the first run the squadrons made a 360° to the left out over the sea and according to reports reentered France at approximately the same point and at the same altitude as on the initial run. On the second run an accurate predicted barrage was put up before the target and accurate seen continuous pointed fire was used after bombs away. ~~THINKER~~ Of the two ships lost #024, the lead ship, was hit one minute after bombs away. This ship was hit by continuous pointed fire from the target area. According to the wing ship personnel one flak shell burst about 70 feet in front of the lead ship and then 2 shells burst simultaneously one by the cockpit and one between the waist and tail. The ship went up slightly at first and then peeled off to left in slow spiral and then went into a steep dive breaking up just above the cloud layer at estimated 6,000'. The 2nd plane #056 was hit by seen continuous pointed fire just before reaching the coast of the Bay of Seine on the route out. This plane received a direct hit on the underside of the #1 engine which tore the engine out and sat it on the wing; the wing immediately burst into flames. This ship turned back to the left and went into a tight spiral beneath the clouds. The crews report that except for the predicted barrage the flak fire was not intense, but rather meager to moderate, but very accurate on the 2nd run at and beyond the target area, even after the altitude was changed.

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET Satterast DATE OF ATTACK 28-4-44
 PILOT'S NAME St. C. H. Luman NAVIGATOR R. O. McClune A/C NO. 723
 1. The 100th A Group flew (high-lead-low) of the 13th() C.W. in 3rd E.D. Formation.
 The 100th B Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " () " " " " "
 2. Altitude over Target -
 Lead A/C
 Highest " 22200
 Lowest "
 A Group B Group
 3. True Heading on Bomb Run 90°
 4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run 186
 5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing 20 sec. - - - sec.
 6. Time Bombs Away 10:20
 7. Turn from Target after Bombing right
 8. True Course Away from Target 105
 9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area:

10. Visibility at Target: 7/10 to 8/10 Cloud coverage

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
0955	4934 - 0227W			
10:00	IP			
1008	Target			
1020	Target again after 360° back over islands and to coast on briefed course.			
1026	4932 0127W			
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3-2 50-8/2/44

INTERROGATING OFFICER

TARGET

DATE OF ATTACK _____

PILOT'S NAME _____

SHIP NO. _____

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DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET

DATE OF ATTACK

28 Apr

PILOT'S NAME _____

Wilson

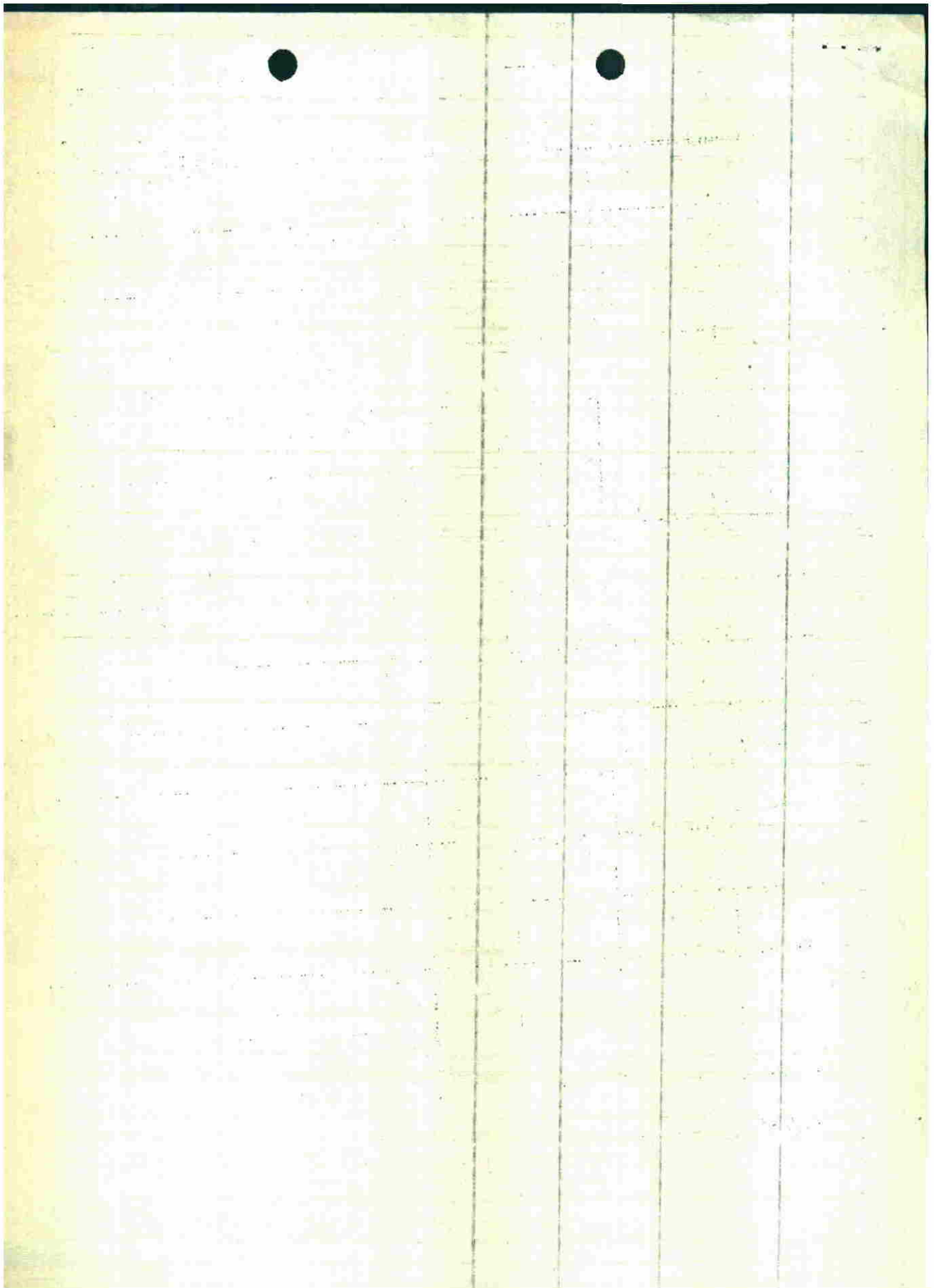
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FLAK FORM

DATE OF ATTACK 28/4/44

SHIP NO. 152

1-2 49-8/1/44

TARGET

No Ball

DATE OF ATTACK

Am. 28-44

PILOT'S NAME

Ryan

SHIP MC.

871

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1-2 49-8/1/44

DATE OF ATTACK

NAVIGATOR

A/C NC

2. Altitude over Target -

Lead	A/C
Highest	"
Lowest	"

~~A Group~~

~~B Group~~

- ### 3. True Heading on Bomb Run

- #### 4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing ✓ sec.

- ## 6. Time Bombs Away

7. Turn from Target after Bombing

- ### 6. True Course Away from Target

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area:

10. Visibility at Target:

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

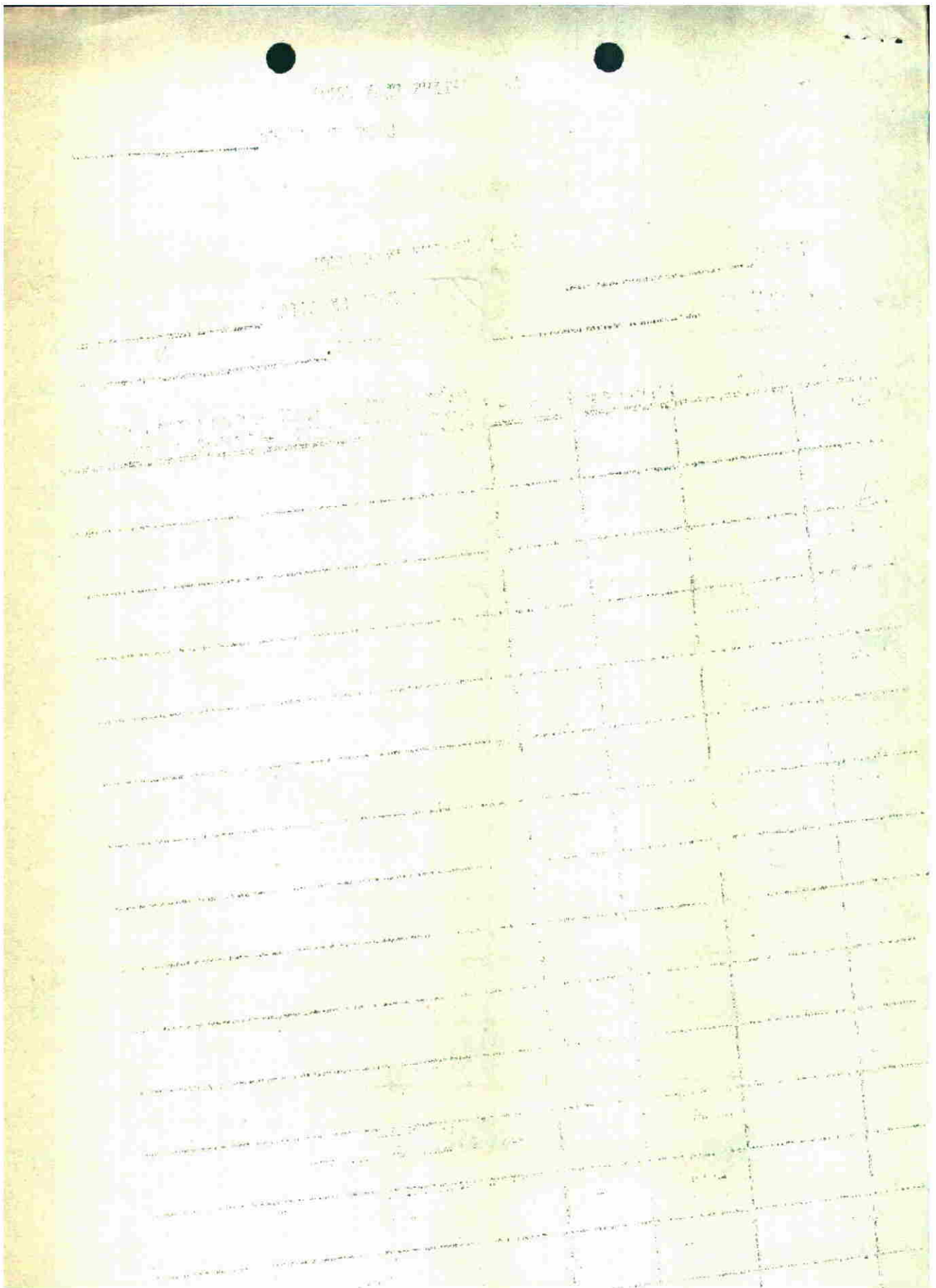
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INTERROGATING OFFICER

SHIP NO. 107

6-2 49-8/1/44



DATE OF ATTACK

SHIP NO.

Zapf

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3-2 49-C/1/44

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TARGET

DATE OF ATTACK _____

PILOT'S NAME _____

SHIP NO. _____

1-2 49-8/1/44

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STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET _____ DATE OF ATTACK 28 Apr.

PILOT'S NAME Lt. Wegorzynski NAVIGATOR Lt. Kauffman A/C NO. 537

1. The 100th A Group flew (~~high-lead-low~~) of the 13th() C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation.
The 100th B Group flew (~~high-lead-low~~) " " " () " " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target -

	A Group	B Group
Lead A/C	<u>21,000'</u>	
Highest "		
Lowest "		

3. True Heading on Bomb Run 32°

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run 164K.

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing 60 sec. _____ sec.

6. Time Bombs Away 1018

7. Turn from Target after Bombing diving turn to left.

8. True Course Away from Target 70°

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area: Flight "S" of 8° on way in - violent "S" around heading of 15° on way out.

10. Visibility at Target: 8/10th

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
1000	4927 1/2 - 0150W	65° _{alt.}	175K. _{alt.}	
1011	4918 - 0142W	234°	190K. _{alt.}	This was uniform circle.
1013 1/2	4922 1/2 - 0148W	32°	165K. _{alt.}	
1018	4933 - 0130W	15° _{alt.}	158K.	Violent "S" & changing alt. to coast.
1023	4943 - 0120W	10° _{alt.}	158K.	
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S-2 50-8/2/44

INTERROGATING OFFICER RLB

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET _____ DATE OF ATTACK _____

PILOT'S NAME _____ SHIP NO. _____

1. The 100th _____ Group flew as (high, lead, low) group of the _____ C.W. in the _____ A.M.P.

Altitude of Lead A/C over Target _____

Altitude of High A/C over Target _____

Altitude of Low A/C over Target _____

2. ACTUAL ROUTE flown over enemy territory giving names of towns, if possible, where not possible give coordinates. (No course is flown exactly as briefed.)

3. Visibility at target (Condensation trails, clouds, etc.)

4. Axis of bomb run _____

5. Time bombs away _____

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

7. Turn after bombing (course away from target)

8. Brief description of evasive action in target area.

Reporting Officer _____

S-2 50-8/1/44

TARGET Cherbourg
PILOT'S NAME

DATE OF ATTACK 28/4/44

PILOT'S NAME

SHIP NO.

L-2 49-8/1/44

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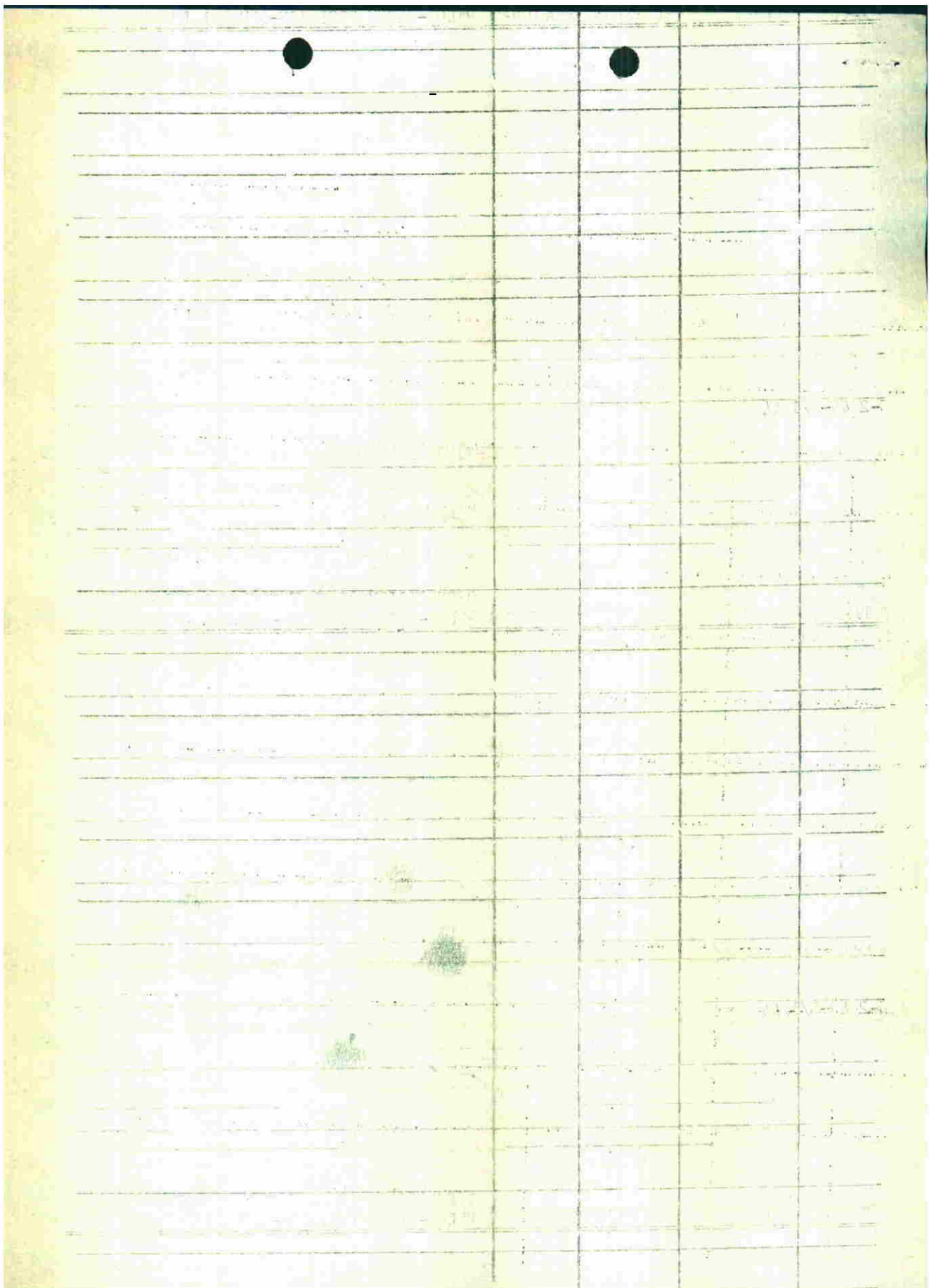
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TIME	PLACE	ALTITUDE	HEADING	DESCRIPTION OF FLAK GIVING LEVEL-ABOVE BELOW-CLOCK POSITION-UNUSUAL PHENOMEN A
1008	target	21000	40	Thrusty at 9 o'clock. Accurate and intense
1025	"	"	40	" " "

Hit in bomb bay before
bombs away. After
bombs away hit #2
engine. Started fire.

Moffitt

-2 49-8/1/44



DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET Nobels

DATE OF ATTACK 28-4-44

PILOT'S NAME Kase

SHIP NO. 157[illegible]

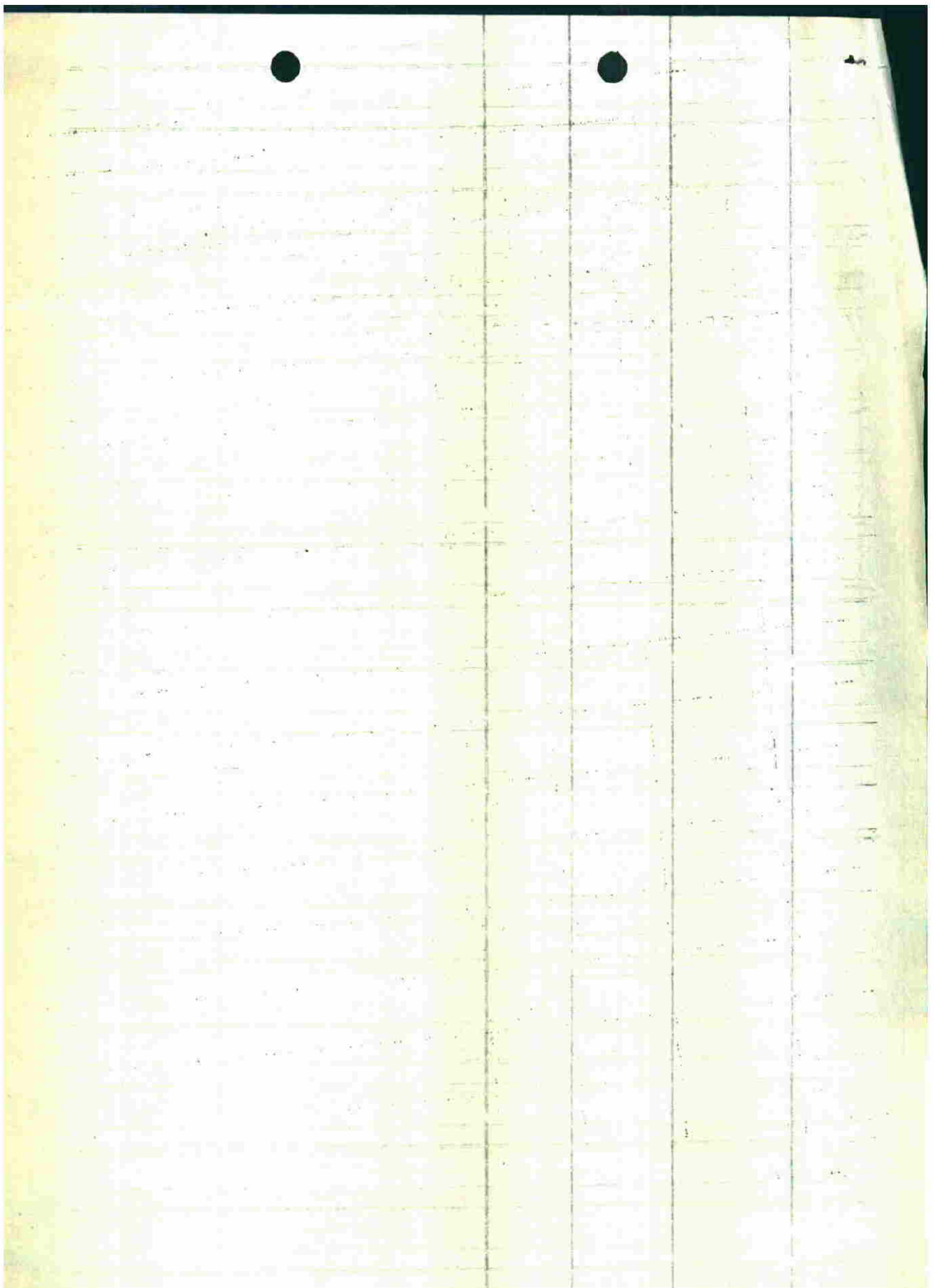
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C. W. Terry

DATE OF ATTACK

SHIP NO.

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TARGET

Saltwater

DATE OF ATTACK

28-4-44

PILOT'S NAME

Kassia

SHIP NO.

991

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DATE OF ATTACK

SHTF NC

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File

HEADQUARTERS
100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

D-L-6

APG 559
28 April 1944

SUBJECT: Sortie Information, Operational Mission # 159, 28 April, 1944.

TO : S-1, 100th Bombardment Group (H), APG 559.

1. The following pilots and their crews which flew Operational Mission #159 are listed below:

PILOT	TARGET BOMBED	COORDINATES TURNED BACK	E/A OBSERVED
LT. C. H. COWAN	Yes	Target	No
LT. A. J. HARRIS	"	"	"
LT. F. J. HERRES	"	"	"
LT. E. P. NOORDYK	"	"	"
LT. D. S. PEARSON	"	"	"
LT. D. C. RICH	"	"	"
LT. G. L. ROTH	"	"	"
LT. W. A. RYAN	"	"	"
LT. L. E. TOWNSEND	"	"	"
LT. R. A. WEGRZYNEK	"	"	"
LT. L. L. WILLIAMSON	"	"	"
LT. H. V. WILSON	"	"	"
LT. R. W. WRIGHT	"	"	"
LT. S. D. EICHEN	No	"	"
LT. C. W. MYLIUS	"	"	"
LT. J. E. SCHWANK	"	"	"
LT. E. J. SIEMERT	"	"	"
LT. C. W. WOLDT	"	"	"
LT. E. W. WOLF	"	"	"
LT. E. ZAPP	"	"	"
LT. S. T. MAJOR (SPARE)	"	20 Miles S Portland Bill	"
LT. B. WILLIAMS (SPARE)	"	" " " " " "	"
CAPT. W. G. LANIN	MISSING		
LT. J. W. MCGUIRE	MISSING		

MARVIN S. BOWMAN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

File

HEADQUARTERS
100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

D-1-5

AFPO 559
28 April 1944

SUBJECT: Digest, Crew Comments and Suggestions, Operational Mission #159

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bomb Group (H), AFPO 559

1. Submitted herewith is a digest of crew comments and suggestions compiled by S-2 on Operational Mission #159, 28 April, 1944:

1. Lt. R. A. Wegrzynek, Crew #11 - Second bomb run should have been made at different altitude.
2. Lt. R. W. Wright, Crew #38 - Should not make second bomb run at same altitude. Suggest bombing at a different altitude than 20,000. Also believe 30 missions too many.
3. Lt. S. D. Eichen, Crew #22 - Should change altitude on second bomb run.
4. T/Sgt. W. A. Geigle, Crew #43 - Suggest chaff be thrown out of tail. When thrown out of tail turret it comes back into ship and interferes with guns.
5. T/Sgt. J. P. Cooper, Crew #45 - EM mess hall very dirty and silverware rusty. EM willing to pay for new silverware.
6. EM, Crew #4 - Want mail room open after missions so they can get their mail.
7. Members, Crew #28 - Want navigator on all ships, especially when flying in bad weather. Also cleaning patches for guns.
8. Lt. D. C. Rice, Crew #28 - Want bullet proof glass for windshield. Also need silverware in mess hall. Food poor.
9. Lt. W. Carrillo, Crew #50 - Just make one run over target.
10. Members, Crew #75 - Seems useless not to drop bombs when near target rather than bringing them back.
11. Members, Crew #17 - Navigator needed on all missions. Also want plating in ship #099.
12. Members, Crew #63 - One run over target enough. Better food at mess halls and patches and rags for cleaning guns.
13. Members, Crew #62 - Should have changed altitude on second bomb run.
14. Members, Crew #15 - Should have changed altitude on second bomb run.
15. Members, Crew #5 - Should have changed altitude on second bomb run. Want rags for cleaning guns.
16. Members, Crew #61 - Altitude should have been changed on second run over target.

MARVIN S. BORDIAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

HEAD QUARTERS
100TH BOMBING GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

D-1-5

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9. Lt. W. Carrillo, Crew #50 - Just make one run over target.
10. Members, Crew #75 - Mess hall not to drop bombs when near target rather than bringing them back.
11. Members, Crew #17 - Navigator needed on all missions. Also want plating in ship COY.
12. Members, Crew #61 - One run over target enough. Better food at mess hall and patches and rags for cleaning guns.
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MARVIN E. HANMAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ONE HUNDRETH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF
Office of the Station Engineering Officer
APO 650

23 April 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report on Mission 23 April 1944

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H), AAF.

20,500
SHIP #7007

1. Hole in leading edge of Right wing between #3 & #4 Engine (skin)
2. Hole in #4 main tank.
3. 2 holes 1 right out board wing panel. (skin)
4. 2 holes in right landing flap. (skin)
5. 2 holes in bomb bay cutting rudder control cables.
6. Hole in rudder. (skin).
7. Hole aft of left waist window cutting lead to marker beacon.
8. Hole in left side of bombardiers compartment. (skin)
9. Squadron repair.

20,500
SHIP #9867

1. 4 holes in right outboard wing panel. (skin)
2. Hole in right wing tip. (skin)
3. Hole in left wing tip. (skin)
4. Hole in left side of ball turret.
5. Hole in #2 engine biting rocker box cover on #4 cylinder.
6. Hole in left bomb bay door. (skin)

22,000
SHIP #1987 - seriously

1. Hole in #7 tank, right outer wing panel.
2. Hole in #4 nacelle cutting oil line.
3. Hole in fairing of #4 engine nacelle clipping longitudinal brace.
4. Hole in hinge of right aileron. (change aileron)
5. Hole in waist forward of right waist window. (skin)
6. 2 holes in right horizontal stabilizer. (change stabilizer)
7. 3 holes in left horizontal stabilizer. (skin)
8. 2 holes in left outboard wing panel. (skin)
9. Hole in left inboard wing panel cutting webb member.
10. Squadron and sub-depot repair.

22,000
SHIP #7127 - skins

1. #3 engine damaged by flak. (change engine)
2. #4 supercharger hit by flak. (change supercharger)
3. 4 holes in left outer wing panel. (skin)
4. 3 holes in left landing flap cutting 2 stringers.
5. Hole in hinge edge of left elevator. (change elevator)
6. Holes in right horizontal stabilizer. (change stabilizer)
7. Holes in hinge of right elevator. (change elevator)
8. 3 holes in left side of fuselage forward of waist window cutting stringer and wing brace.
9. Hole in left side of ball turret.
10. Holes in right outboard wing panel. (wing panel change)
11. Holes in hinge of right aileron. (change aileron)
12. Squadron and sub-depot repair.

SHIP #1249 - *Series*

1. Hole aft of tail gunner's escape hatch cutting ring former.
2. Hole in root of left horizontal stabilizer. (change stabilizer)
3. Hole in left out board wing panel hitting #3 tokio tank.
4. Squadron and Sub-depot repair.

SHIP #1895

1. Hole in left side of fuselage at bombardiers compartment cutting heater duct.
2. Squadron repair.

SHIP #0152

1. Hole in left side of fuselage aft of forward escape hatch. (skin)
2. Hole in fuselage forward and above right waist window hitting bulkhead 8B, coming out other side of ship to left of tail wheel strut.
3. Hole in the top of left horizontal stabilizer. (skin)
4. Fairing at left wing root. (skin)
5. 3 holes in left inboard wing panel. (skin)
6. Hole in #1 nacelle. (skin)
7. 2 holes in left outer wing panel. (skin)
8. Hole in fuselage left side of bombardiers compartment. (skin)
9. Hole in plexi-glass nose.
10. Squadron repair.

SHIP #7071

1. Hole in leading edge of left inboard wing panel. (skin)
2. Hole in fuselage in rear of front hatch. (skin)
3. Hole in right aileron. (skin)
4. Squadron repair.

SHIP # 1991

1. Hole in right side of fuselage below cockpit. (skin)
2. Hole in co-pilots window.
3. Hole in left side of fuselage above wing. (skin)
4. Hole in plexi-glass nose
5. Hole in right outboard wing panel. (skin)
6. Squadron repair.

SHIP #2009 - *Series*

1. Hole in #3 tokio tank, left out board wing panel.
2. Squadron and Subdepot repair.

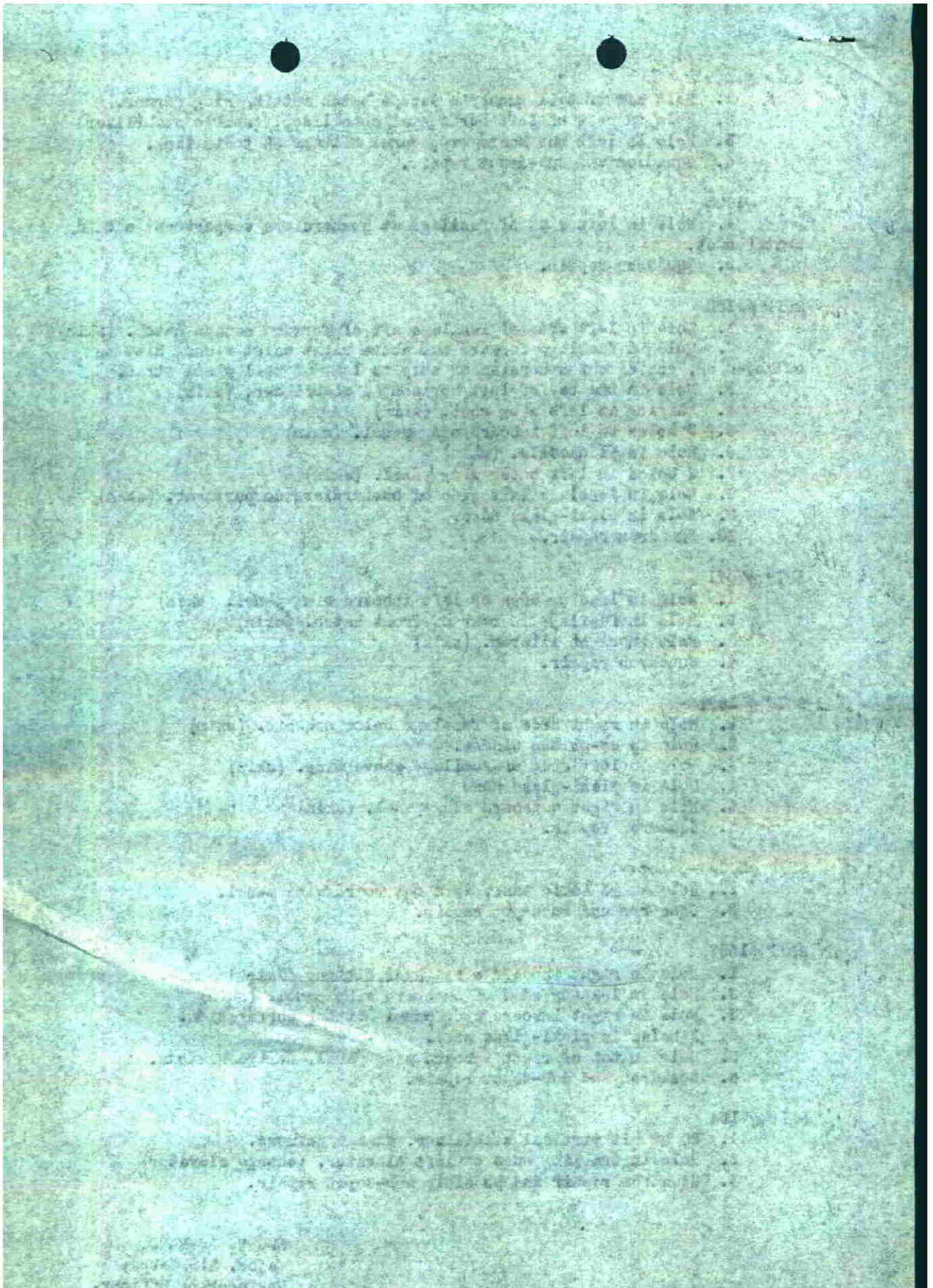
SHIP #1537 - *Series*

1. Hole in right inboard wing panel hitting #7 tokio tank.
2. Hole in leading edge of outboard wing panel. (skin)
3. Hole in right inboard wing panel hitting corrugation.
4. 2 holes in plexi-glass nose.
5. Hole in top of right inboard wing panel, damage unknown.
6. Squadron and sub-depot repair.

SHIP #7154

1. 20 MM hit vertical stabilizer, damage unknown.
2. Hole in trailing edge of left elevator. (change elevator)
3. Squadron repair and possibly sub-depot repair.

HUGHES ROVERGO,
Major, Air Corps,
Engineering Officer.



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COMBODIV THREE:
ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION

INFO OF COMBODIV THREE

29/4/44 COBOMER ONE HUNDRED
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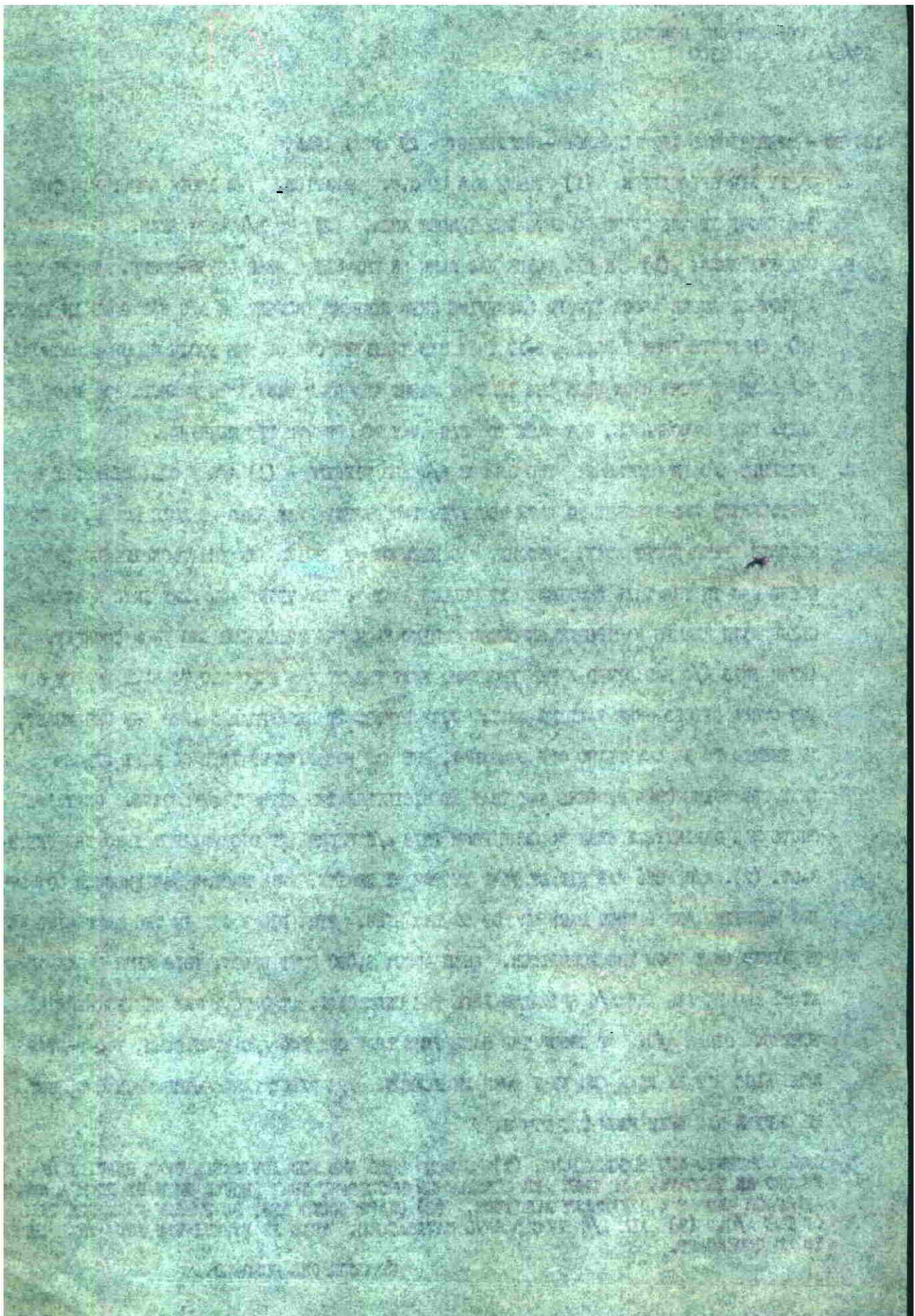
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100 BT - OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE - SOUTHEAST - 29 APRIL 1944.

- A. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: (1) THERE WAS NO C.W. FORMATION. THE 100TH GROUP WAS THE 3rd GROUP IN THE CW TO GO INTO THE TARGET AREA. (2) NO E/A WERE SEEN.
- B. OBSERVATIONS: (1) AN OIL SLICK WAS SEEN ON THE WATER NEAR A935W-0028E. THERE WAS A PUFF OF SMOKE ABOVE IT AND OBSERVING CREW MEMBERS THOUGHT AN A/C HAD GONE IN THERE. (2) ON ROUTE FROM TARGET A B-17 THAT WAS TRAILING ONE OF THE 390TH GROUP SQUADRONS WAS SEEN TO TURN BACK NEAR THE ISLE OF NIGHT AND HEAD BACK INTO FRANCE. IT HAD OLIVE DRAB CAMOUFLAGE, BUT WAS TOO FAR AWAY TO OBSERVE ITS MARKINGS.
- C. FRIENDLY A/C IN DISTRESS: TWO OF OUR A/C ARE MISSING - (1) A/C # 024 (COL KELLY & CAPT. LAKIN) WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE RECEIVED TWO DIRECT FLAK HITS AT 1015 HOURS, A FEW SECONDS AFTER BOMBING. ONE HIT WAS BETWEEN #2 ENGINE AND THE COCKPIT AND THE OTHER WAS IN THE TAIL SECTION. IT PULLED AWAY TO THE RIGHT AND WENT INTO A STEEP CLIMB WITH FLAMES VARIOUSLY REPORTED COMING FROM THE #2 ENGINE AND FROM COCKPIT. AFTER THIS A/C HAD DIVERGED A FEW THOUSAND FEET THE IT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BROKEN OFF AND OTHER PIECES WERE FALLING AWAY. JUST BEFORE IT DISAPPEARED INTO THE UNDERCAST, IT SEEMED TO BE LEVELLING OFF SOMEWHAT, BUT WAS BREAKING UP INTO SO MANY PIECES THAT OBSERVING CREW MEMBERS SAY THAT IT DISINTEGRATED WITHOUT EXPLODING. ONLY ONE CHUTE WAS DEFINITELY SEEN TO COME FROM THIS A/C BEFORE IT DISAPPEARED INTO THE UNDERCAST. (2). A/C #056 WAS HIT BY FLAK IN THE #1 ENGINE. THE ENGINE WAS KNOCKED OUT OF ITS MOUNTING AND LANDED BACK ON TOP OF THE RING. FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE LEFT WING AS IT DIVERGED AWAY FROM THE FORMATION. WHEN ABOUT 3,000 FEET BELOW, THIS WING BROKE OFF AT #1 ENGINE AND THE A/C SPIRALED INTO THE UNDERCAST. TWO TO THREE CHUTES WERE REPORTED. OTHER A/C: AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT OUR TWO A/C WENT DOWN, TWO P-47'S WERE ALSO HIT BY FLAK AND WENT DOWN IN FLAMES. THE PILOT PARACHUTED FROM ONE, BUT NO CHUTE WAS SEEN FROM THE OTHER.
- D. CREW COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS: (1) SECOND RINGS ARE NOT ADVISABLE OVER HEAVILY DEFENDED TARGETS. IF THEY ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY THEY SHOULD BE MADE FROM A NEW APPROACH AND AT A DIFFERENT ALTITUDE. (2) CHAFF COULD BEST BE THROWN FROM THE TAIL OF THE A/C. (3) ALL A/C SHOULD HAVE NAVIGATORS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE WHEN THERE IS AN UNDERCAST.

COMBOMER ONE HUNDRED.



STAND BY FOR B/CAST

THE - OIHRM V TAS NR 11 P

FROM TAS29/1300B

TO THE

INFO OF OIHRM

CONFIDENTIAL 100 BG P-603-D

ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION

100 BG - OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE - SOTTEVAST - 28 APRIL 1944.

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- B. OBSERVATIONS: (1) AN OIL SLICK WAS SEEN ON THE WATER NEAR 4935N-0028E. THERE WAS A PUFF OF SMOKE ABOVE IT AND OBSERVING CREW MEMBERS THOUGHT AN A/C HAD GONE IN THERE. (2) ON ROUTE FROM TARGET A B-17 THAT WAS TRAILING ONE OF THE 390TH GROUP SQUADRONS WAS SEEN TO TURN BACK NEAR THE ISLE OF WIGHT AND HEAD BACK INTO FRANCE. IT HAD OLIVE DRAB COMOUFLAGE, BUT WAS TOO FAR AWAY TO OBSERVE ITS MARKINGS.
- C. FRIENDLY A/C IN DISTRESS: TWO OF OUR A/C ARE MISSING - (1) A/C NO. 024 (COL KELLY AND CAPT. LAKIN) WAS THOUGHT TO ~~HAVE~~ HAVE RECEIVED TWO DIRECT FLAK HITS AT 1018 HOURS, A FEW SECONDS AFTER BOMBS AWAY. ONE HIT WAS BETWEEN NO. 2 ENGINE AND THE COCKPIT AND THE OTHER WAS IN THE TAIL SECTION. IT PULLED AWAY TO THE RIGHT AND WENT INTO A STEEP GLIDE WITH FLAMES VARIOUSLY REPORTED COMING FROM THE NO. 2 ENGINE AND FROM COCKPIT. AFTER THIS A/C HAD DIVED A FEW THOUSAND FEET THE TT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BROKEN OFF AND OTHER PIECES WERE FALLING AWAY. JUST BEFORE IT DISAPPEARED INTO THE UNDERCAST, IT SEEMED TO BE LEVELLING OFF SOMEWHAT, BUT ~~THE~~ WAS BREAKING UP INTO SO MANY PIECES THAT OBSERVING CREW MEMBERS SAY THAT IT DISINTEGRATED WITHOUT EXPLODING. ONLY ONE CHUTE WAS DEFINITELY SEEN TO COME FROM THIS A/C BEFORE IT DISAPPEARED INTO THE UNDERCAST. (2). A/C NO. 056 WAS HIT BY FLAK IN THE NO. 1 ~~ENGINE~~ ENGINE. THE ENGINE WAS KNOCKED OUT OF ITS MOUNTING AND LANDED BACK ON TOP OF THE WING. FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE LEFT WING AS IT DIVED AWAY FROM THE FORMATION. WHEN ABOUT 3,000 FEET BELOW, THIS WING BROKE OFF AT NO. 1 ENGINE AND THE A/C SPIRALED INTO THE UNDERCAST. TWO TO THREE CHUTES WERE REPORTED. OTHER A/C: AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT OUR TWO A/C WENT DOWN, TWO P-47S WERE ~~ALSO~~ ALSO HIT BY FLAK AND WENT DOWN IN FLAMES. THE PILOT PARACHUTED FROM ONE, BUT NO CHUTE WAS SEEN FROM THE OTHER.
- D. CREW COMMENTS AND SUGGESTION: (1) SECOND RUNS ARE NOT ADVISABLE OVER HEAVILY DEFENDED TARGETS. IF THEY ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY THEY SHOULD BE MADE FROM A NEW APPROACH AND AT A DIFFERENT ALTITUDE. (2) CHAFF COULD BEST BE ~~THROUGH~~ THROWN FROM THE TAIL OF THE A/C. (3) ALL ~~A/C~~ A/C SHOULD HAVE NAVIGATORS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE WHEN THERE IS AN UNDERCAST.

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FROM TAS 2816
TO THE
INFO OIHRM

CONFIDENTIAL 100BG P-584-D ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION
100 BOMB GROUP--OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE--SOTTEVAST--28 APRIL 1944

1. LEAFLETS--- NONE.
2. BOMBING RESULTS--PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW BOMBS RELEASED IN THE TARGET AREA. RESULTS ARE OBSCURED BY CLOUDS. NINE OF OUR A/C FAILED TO BOMB ON THE TARGET AREA BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT IDENTIFY IT. THE REMAINING A/C REPORT RELEASING BOMBS IN OR NEAR THE TARGET AREA WITH RESULTS UNOBSERVED.
3. E/A -- NO E/A WERE SEEN.
4. FLAK--~~TAREXX~~ TARGET AREA, MODERATE, ACCURATE, CONTINUOUS FOLLOWING.
5. BROKEN CLOUDS 7 TO 8/10.
6. OBSERVATIONS --- NONE.
7. OTHER INFORMATION
 1. TWO OF OUR A/C NO. 024 AND NO. 056 WERE SHOT DOWN BY FLAK IN THE TARGET AREA. SHIP NO. 024 RECEIVED A DIRECT HIT BETWEEN THE NO. 2 ENGINE AND COCKPIT AND ANOTHER NEAR THE TAIL, AT 1018 HOURS, AS THE PLANE ENTERED THE UNDERCAST IT SEEMED TO DISINTEGRATE. 1 CHUTE WAS SEEN. A/C NO. 056 WAS SEEN WITH THE LEFT WING ON FIRE, LATER BREAKING OFF, AND THE SHIP WENT DOWN IN A TIGHT SPIN. 3 CHUTES WERE SEEN.

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XXX NOT DISINTEGRATE

CC 7. 1. 5TH LINE WA A/C NO. IMI , 9. XXX NO. NOT NO:
T.O.D. 28/1738B FORS (1) BBB

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ATTN: A-2 REPERITION SECTION

INFO OF COMBONDIV THIRTEEN
ATTN: A-2

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100 BOMB GROUP--OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE--NOTTEVAST--28 APRIL 1944

1. LEAFLETS--NONE.
2. BOMBING RESULTS--PHOTOGRAPH SHOW BOMBING RESULTS IN THE TARGET AREA. RESULTS ARE OBFUSCATED BY CLOUDS. FIVE OF OUR A/C FAILED TO FIND THE TARGET AREA. TWO OF THESE THEY COULD NOT IDENTIFY IT. THE REMAINING A/C REPORT BOMBING RESULTS IN OR NEAR THE TARGET AREA WITH RESULTS UNOBSERVED.
3. E/A NO E/A WERE SEEN.
4. FLAK--TARGET AREA, MODERATE, ACCURATE, CONTINUOUS FOLLOWING.
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FIGHTER SUPPORT

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

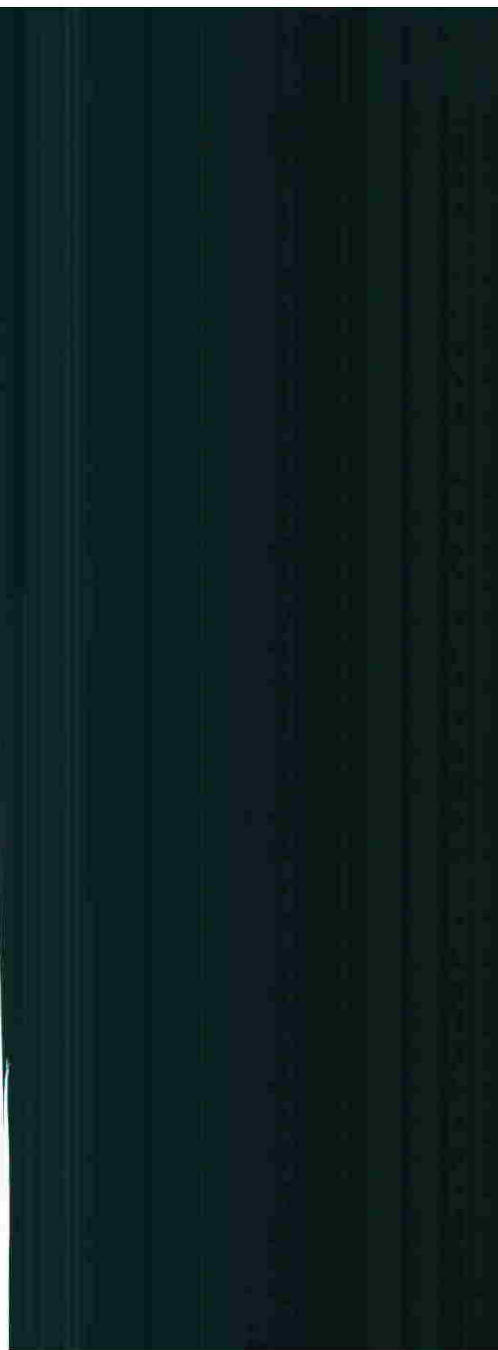
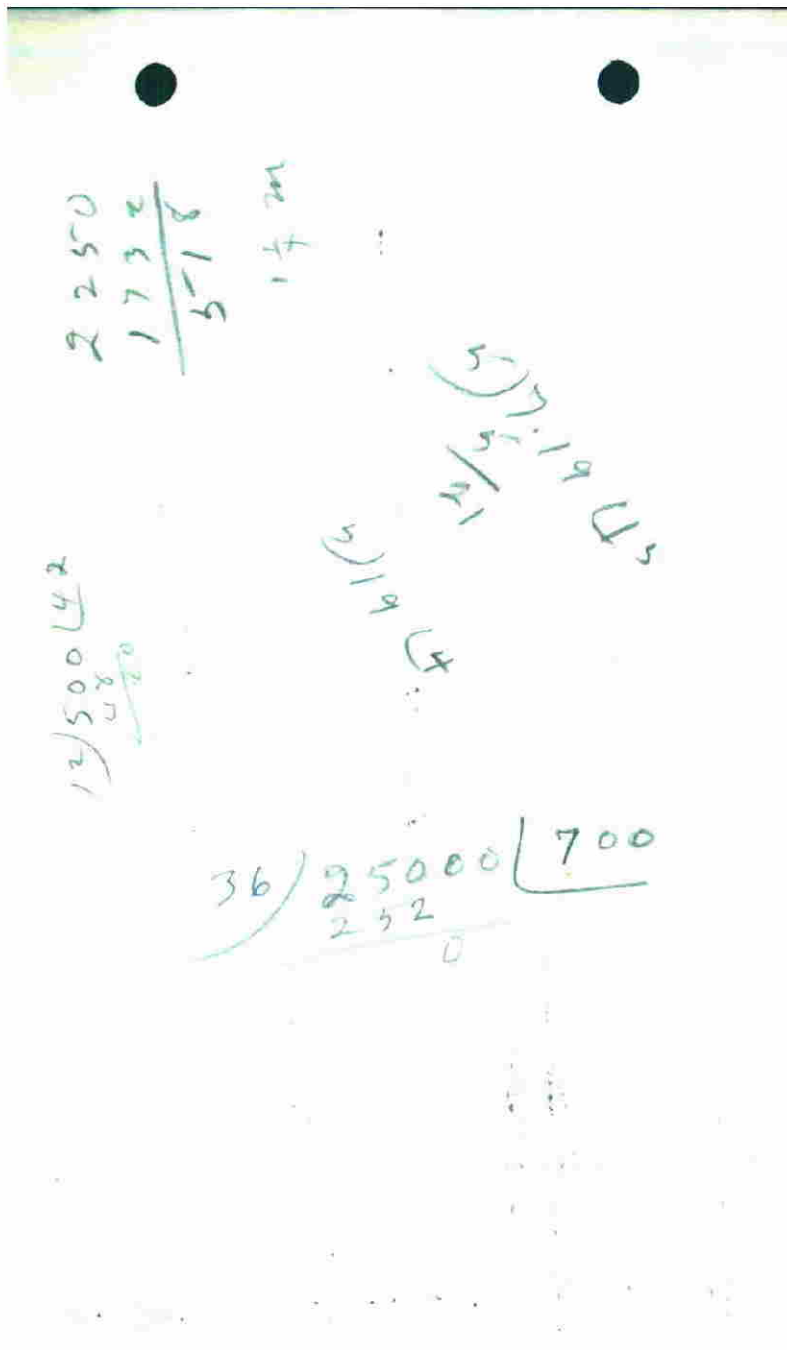
THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATOR'S NAME

1700 yds from AA threat to M.P.I.
5 mi. ~~and~~ slightly E of north of Brigantine
6 mi NW of VALONE



A/C 306

418TH

LT
MAJOR

28/1/44

0935 HRS.

21000

20 MI.
SOUTH OF DEPARTURE PT.
(PORTLAND BILL)

SPACE - NO ROOM

1110 HRS AT BASE

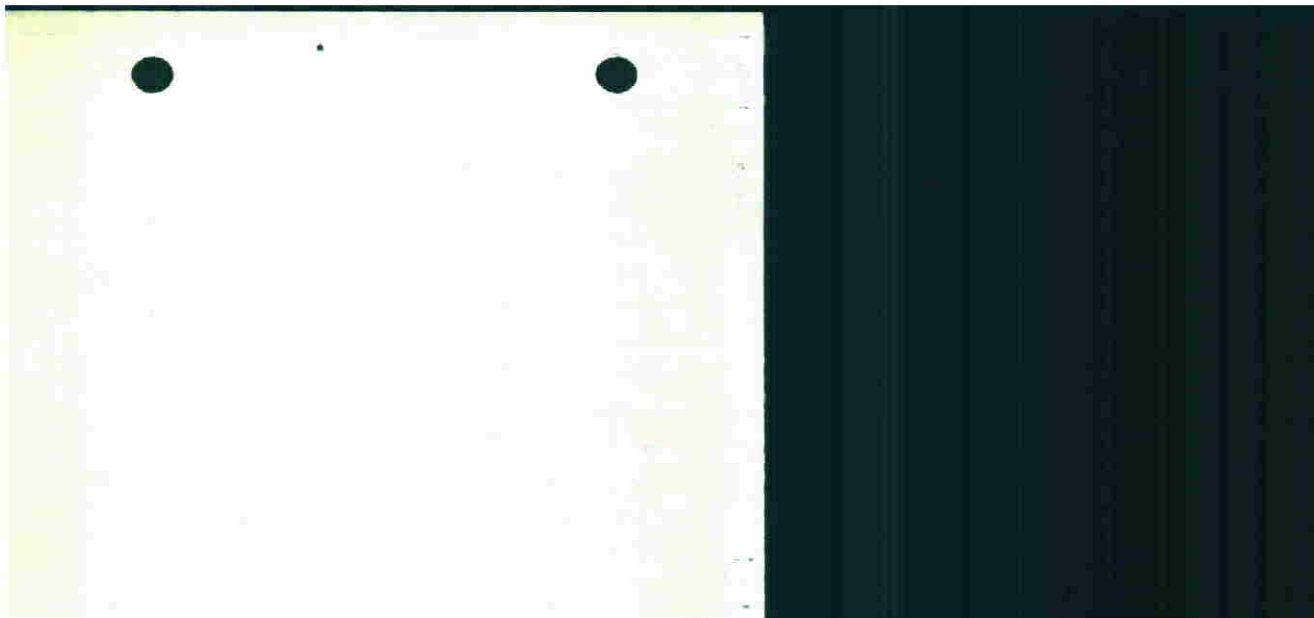
BROUGHT BOMBS BACK.

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TIME FILED	MSG CEN NO.	H. SENT
MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)		
No. - - -	DATE <i>28 April 1944</i>	
To <i>Thorp Abbott</i>		
<i>Crashed coast on course</i>		
<i>on Time</i>		
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER <i>350th "B"</i>		TIME SIGNED <i>0940</i>
AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR	SIGNATURE OF OFFICER	SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER
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OPERATIONAL REPORT - STATISTICAL SECTION

PRIMARY TARGET				TOTAL
1. GROUP/WING	50th TFW			
2. A/C AIRBORNE	100/13			
3. A/C DISPATCHED	24 A/C			
4. A/C ATTACKING	15 A/C	A/C #071 flew with lead Sq. of 95 th		
5. A/C FAILING TO ATTACK				
a. Mechanical	1 A/C			
b. Weather	6 A/C			
c. Enemy Action				
d. Other				
6. A/C LOST				
a. To AA	2 A/C			
b. To e/a				
c. To AA and e/a				
d. To accident				
e. By reasons unknown				
7. TIME OF ATTACK	10:20 High	10:18 Lead	NONE LOW	
8. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK	22,200	21,000	NONE	
9. BOMBS DROPPED (PRIMARY)				
a. Number	90			
b. Size	1000			
c. Type	Gp			
BOMBS DROPPED (OTHER)				
a. Number				
b. Size				
c. Type				
BOMBS DROPPED (OTHER)				
a. Number				
b. Size				
c. Type				
10. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES				
a. Killed				
b. Wounded	6 Men	CORRECTED TO		
c. Missing	20 Men	21 - Sgt. Rothman	13CBW	0930
d. Rescued		12 - Salishung	3BD	Sgt. E.K.
11. BATTLE DAMAGE				
a. Minor	6 A/C			
b. Major	6 A/C			
c. Salvage				
12. Claims	None	Phoned to 3BD - LT. SALISHUNG		
S.2 48/1-1/44		13CBW - SGT. ROTHMAN		
		144v 28 Apr 1944		
		By Lt. F. King		

28/4/44

A/C RETURNING EARLY

A/C Number 087 A/C Letter Z
Squadron 418 Pilot Lt. Williams
Time landed at base 1040
Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:
Portland Bill.
Time turned back 0940
Altitude at time turned back 21,000
Reason for abortion Spare
Disposition of bombs Br't Back.
Brought back or jettisoned
Name of Interrogating Officer S. W. Sheets

A/C RETURNING EARLY

A/C Number _____ A/C Letter - - -
Squadron _____ Pilot _____
Time landed at base _____
Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:

Time turned back _____
Altitude at time turned back _____
Reason for abortion _____
Disposition of bombs _____
Brought back or jettisoned
Name of Interrogating Officer - - -

S-2 11/7-3-43

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SQD 418 A/C NO 895 LTR BOMB LOAD 5x1000 DATE 28/4/44

Position in formation
(at target)

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<u>Lt. J. E. Schwank</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt. V.O. Belles</u>	TT
<u>Lt. T.J. Crowley</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. J.R. Curtin</u>	BT
<u>Lt. T.A. McKenzie</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. R.H. Walsh</u>	RW
<u>S/Sgt. M.L. Bartoy</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt. W. E. Hill</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt. L.H. Weaver</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt. C.C. Segrest</u>	TC

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties			

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time	No., Size & Type	Results Observed
		Yours:

Place On target

Place _____ On target ~~Yes~~ made 2 runs on
 Alt _____ Jettisoned _____ target - did not
 Br't Back 6 x 1000 drop. Br't Back
 Bombs. Other Caused

Jettisoned

Ait _____
Britt Back 6 x 1000

Weather as it affected the Mission:

not see target. Broken Clouds -
9/10.

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time _____	T. Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place None Time Duration Alt

No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
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No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

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off - broke up + went in water.
Did not see any Chutes.

1-P-47 - target Area - hit in
water - no chute - 10 20.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Seems useless not to drop bombs
when near target rather than bring
them back.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

as briefed

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY (SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A)).

INTERROGATORS NAME

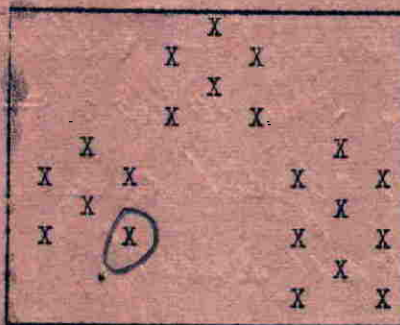
R. W. Sheets

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SQD 351 A/C NO 126 LTR BOMB LOAD 1000 DATE 28/4/44

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(at target)

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<u>Lt. E. J. Siewert</u>	P	<u>S/Sgt. O. B. Scully</u>	TT
<u>Lt. A. J. Burkhart</u>	CP	<u>Sgt. C. J. Padlo</u>	BT
<u>Lt. D. W. Huffer</u>	N	<u>Sgt. F. K. Cousins</u>	RW
<u>Lt. I. Jacobowitz</u>	B	<u>Sgt. E. F. Belle</u>	LW
<u>S/Sgt. J. T. Barkanan</u>	RAD	<u>Sgt. F. V. Kraczynski</u>	TC

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties			

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1030 No., Size & Type _____
Place 4950 - On target
ONE _____
Alt 17000 Jettisoned 6x1000
Br't Back _____

Results Observed
Yours:

made 2 runs -
poor visibility -
Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time _____	T. Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

none

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

Nome

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

seen in -- we saw subject came out
but no chutes - did not see smoke.

OB17 - an second hawk run we saw
B17 with #3 engine burning left formation
& hooked inland to trace - from formation
ahead of us - believe 95th group.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW (Saw at (4935-0128E) oil
slick - puff of smoke rising about it -
believe could have been a ship -

CREW SUGGESTIONS

more than 28 guns shooting
at us - bursts of 6.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Very Good

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATOR'S NAME

Position in formation
(at target)

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<u>Lt R. A. Wegrzynek</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt C. W. Wright</u>	TT
<u>Lt C. J. Gutekunst</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt D. E. Strausbaugh</u>	BT
<u>Lt E. J. Kauffman</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt L. A. Wise</u>	RW
<u>T/Sgt H. N. Garic</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt E. J. Tyrell</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt J. V. Emrich</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt R. J. Bussino</u>	TC

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties		<u>1st Lt. H. N. Garie</u>	<u>(AA wound in leg)</u>

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

No., Size & Type		Results Observed
Time <u>1018</u>		Yours:
Place <u>Target Area</u>	On target <u>6 V 1000</u>	<i>Nav. believes didn't hit target.</i>
Alt <u>21,000'</u>	Jettisoned _____	
<u>30°</u>	Er't Back _____	<i>8/10 = Under way</i>
		Other _____

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time _____	T. Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

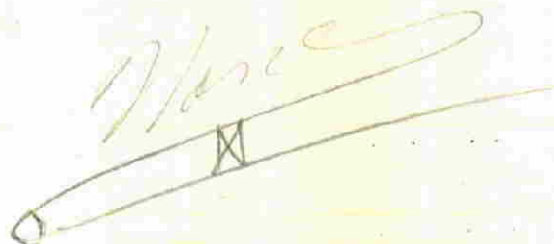
1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

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bay (bombs were away) " Peled to right, Nochutes,

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW




CREW SUGGESTIONS @ Pilot - recommends different alt. to avoid
on 2nd runs over targets. Only got 2 burst 1st time over +
intense on 2nd run.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good - as Briefed - not too close

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A)

INTERROGATORS NAME: 

INTERROGATION FORM

WRIGHT

GROUP 100 SQD 349 A/C NO 127 LTR BOMB LOAD 6x1000 DATE 28/4/44

Position in formation
(at target)

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A diagram showing a collection of 'X' marks arranged in a grid-like pattern. One 'X' mark is circled in red.

Lt. R.W.Wright P S/Sgt. A.P.Madsen TT

Lt. J. W. Raper CP S/Sgt. J. B. Palmquist BT

Lt. C. A. Herrmann N S/Sgt. G. W. McCleary RW

T/Sgt. S. J. Laface B T/Sgt. A. T. Bridges LW

T/Sgt. R. J. Montondo RAD S/Sgt. J. S. Willburn TG

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties	S/sgt	Palmquist	BT
	T/sgt	Bridges	LW

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1020

No., Size & Type

Results Observed

On target 6,100

71940 Jettisoned

Br't Back

Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition

Reason

Time _____	T. Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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Tactics:

2nd Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt

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Tactics:

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

DEB SUGGESTIONS
 (1) Suggest bombing at a different
 altitude than 30,000. Suggest
 higher altitude to avoid about
 predicted altitude.
 (2) Should not make 3rd run at

If lab was or timely accurate

None.

056 - seen with left wing in
 flame - left wing blew up -
 in target - after torpedoes away -
 052 had dropped bombs -
 think he hit on land. -
 1 - 017 lead sq. went down
 Silver ship - right down smoke
 believe blew up - in target
 Area - ~~the~~ higher went down
 over the peninsula -

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE: (Separate Interrogation form)

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -

where down - chutes - any unusual

occurrences of interest - your altitude)

#22
GROUP 100 SQD 351 A/C NO. 936 LTR BOMB LOAD 6x1000 DATE 28/4/44

INTERROGATION FORM
X Eichen

Position in formation (at target)

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Lt. S. D. Eichen	P	T/Sgt. R. H. Tucker	TT
Lt. W. L. Bowen	CP	S/Sgt. F. J. Branagan	BT
Lt. J. J. Devine	N	Sgt. W. F. Hoffman	RM
F/O L. J. Svetlik	B	S/Sgt. J. H. Sauer	LW
T/Sgt. R. J. O'Neill	RAD	S/Sgt. C. E. Rathbun	TG

Rank	Name	Rank	Name
Casualties			

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time	No., Size & Type	Results Observed Yours:
Place	On target	NONE
Alt	Jettisoned	
	Br't Back 6/1000	

LEADER DIDN'T DROP

Weather as it affected the Mission:

Other

TURNED BACK EARLY

Time	Bomb Disposition	Reason
Place	T. Opp.	
Alt.	Jett.	
	Br't back	

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
No.	type	Weapons	
Tactics:			

2nd Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
No.	type	Weapons	
Tactics:			

Give same information on any subsequent attacks:

1601 ~~1021~~ 2 CHUTES.

1021 ~~1021~~ 20° HEAD - 20600 - 100 - 1B-17
RT. WING OFF - HIT WATER - NO CHUTES.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

none 8/10 UNDERCAST

CREW SUGGESTIONS

ONE RUN OVER TARGET — CHANGE ALT.
ON SECOND RUN — MORE PRACTICE MISSIONS.
BETTER FOOD IN EM'S MESS HALL.
TURN AFTER TARGET BROUGHT SHIPS
IN FIVE RANGE (BETTER RESULTS WITH
OFF. TURN)

FIGHTER SUPPORT

GOOD —

~~THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).~~

~~1000 - 1st 1st 3 - 2 LEFT WING~~

INTERROGATORS NAME

[Signature]

Position in formation
(at target)

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<u>Lt A. J. Harris</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt B. J. Mancini</u>	TT
<u>Lt G. A. Brewer</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt J. S. Morrow</u>	BT
<u>Lt C. W. Howison</u>	N	<u>Sgt R. E. Mace</u>	RW
<u>Sgt E. Q. Lupia</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt J. Smith</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt E. C. Montgomery</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt E. R. Wilbur</u>	TC

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties		none	

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 10:17 No., Size & Type _____
Place on target On target 6 X 1000 _____
Alt 2000 Jettisoned _____
Br't Back _____

Results Observed
Yours:

Not in target
area.

Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

4/10 low clouds -

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time	T. Opp.	Time
Place	Jett.	Place
Alt.	Br't back	Alt.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

True

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

were seen to fall off - as plane entered clouds it seemed
to disintegrate without exploding - no chutes seen.
Plane lost at 10:18 - one minute after sunk away near
49°33' N 01°30' W.

Did not see 056.

OBSERVATIONS OF OTHER

~~None~~ B-17 - 00 color - trailing a 390th
Squadron was seen to peel off near Isle of Wight
and go back to France. A B-17 has been seen
to peel off and leave group and go back to France
in several recent missions.

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Change altitude on 2nd bomb run.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Very good

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME

MBA

Crew #50
GROUP 100 SQD 350 A/C NO 621 LTR BOMB LOAD 6x1000 DATE 28-4-44

Position in formation
(at target)

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<u>Lt L. L. Williamson</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>T/Sgt C. B. Sewell</u>	<u>TT</u>
<u>Lt J. G. Dennis</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>S/Sgt J. O. Townsend</u>	<u>BT</u>
<u>Lt W. Carrillo</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>T/Sgt F. Acker</u>	<u>RW</u>
<u>T/Sgt G. A. Keller</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S/Sgt C. W. Graham</u>	<u>LW</u>
<u>T/Sgt-L. K. Kouns</u>	<u>-RAD</u>	<u>S/Sgt-R. H. Anderson</u>	<u>TG</u>
<u>Rank</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>

Casualties

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1020 No., Size & Type _____
Place Target On target 6/1000
Alt 21400 Jettisoned _____
Br't Rack _____

Results Observed
Yours:

Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition

Reason

Time _____ T. Opp. _____ Time _____
Place _____ Jett. _____ Place _____
Alt. _____ Br't back _____ Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

Give same information on any subsequent attacks:

BOMBS AWAY - 056 - 2 CHUTES -

MIN. LATER B-17 FROM LEAD SQ,
WENT DOWN ~~SMOKING~~ - BLEW UP - NO CHUTES

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

NONE

CREW SUGGESTIONS

NAVIGATOR - I RUN OVER TARGET - IF MISSION
WASN'T NEVER WOULD HAVE GOT BACK -
BETTER SANDWICHES -> WENT OLD!!

FIGHTER SUPPORT

GOOD

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (17).

1 HOLE LEFT WING - 1 BOM TURRET

INTERROGATOR NAME

FSM King

Crew 44 Posted INTERROGATION FORM X Herres
GROUP 100 SQD 349 A/C NO 249 LTR BOMB LOAD 6x1000 DATE 28/4/44

Position in formation
(at target)

Rank	Name	Rank	Name
Lt. F.J.Herres	P	S/Sgt. J.A.Morrow	TT
Lt. P.L.Mitchell	CP	Sgt. D.B.Barnes	BT
Lt. B.E.Conover	N	Sgt. W.F.Williams	RW
T/Sgt. E.B.Peters <u>J.L. Craven</u>	B	Sgt. N.J.Nesser	LW
S/Sgt. R.M.Mulgrew	RAD	Sgt. A.R. Main	TG

Casualties None

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1020 No., Size & Type 6x1000 Results Observed
Place Target On target Yours:
Alt 21,000' Jettisoned
Br't Back Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition			Reason
Time <u> </u>	T.Opp. <u> </u>	Time <u> </u>	
Place <u> </u>	Jett. <u> </u>	Place <u> </u>	
Alt. <u> </u>	Br't back <u> </u>	Alt. <u> </u>	

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place Time Duration Alt
No. type Weapons
Tactics:

None

2nd Attack - Place Time Duration Alt
No. type Weapons
Tactics:

Give same information on any subsequent attacks:

in a steep spiral - just seen going into an arc
 at about 10,000' - at this time ship seemed to
 be flattening out some - no chutes -

② - McGuire's ship - Direct hit on left
 wing - whole wing on fire - fell off to left - After
 falling 3000' - wing from #1 Engine fell from
 86 - Engine fell off - Ship went into tight
 spin - no chutes seen -

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

None

CREW SUGGESTIONS

None

FIGHTER SUPPORT

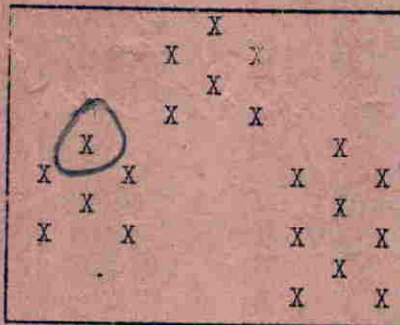
THIS SHIP (WAS) ~~(WAS NOT)~~ SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A). * by parts

McGuire's ship -

INTERROGATORS NAME

Mac...

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<u>Lt. C. W. Mylius</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt. J. R. Russell</u>	TT
<u>Major F. J. Arnold</u>			
<u>Lt. H. A. Alf</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. C. E. Brown</u>	BT
<u>Lt. C. J. Galligan</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. C. E. McSpadden</u>	RW
<u>Lt. N. T. High</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt. E. J. Sullivan</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt. V. J. Wood</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt. H. D. Fern</u>	TG

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties			

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

No., Size & Type

Time _____

Place _____

Alt. 70500

On target _____

Jettisoned _____

Br't Back 6X1000

Results Observed
Yours:

Yours:
made 2 runs but
did not drop lumber

Other

no alternatives

Weather as it affected the Mission:

Caused by general
TURNED BACK EARLY

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition			Reason
Time _____	T.Opp. _____	Time _____	
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____	
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____	

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

name

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

None

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by plane run target.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

None

CREW SUGGESTIONS

None

FIGHTER SUPPORT

OK.

THIS SHIP (WAS) (~~WAS NOT~~ SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME [Signature]

Crew #63 *Posted* INTERROGATION FORM *WOLF*
GROUP 100 SQD 351 A/C NO 867 LTR BOMB LOAD 5x1000 DATE 28/4/44

Position in formation (at target)

			X						
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Rank	Name	Rank	Name
Lt. E. W. Wolf	P	S/Sgt. P. J. Sattler	TT
Lt. E. R. Kennedy	CP	Sgt. A. F. Karnis	BT
Lt. H. E. Newell	N	Sgt. W. J. Howard	RW
S/Sgt. D. J. Maddrea	B	Sgt. E. Lazarchik	LW
S/Sgt. G. K. Howe	RAD	Sgt. R. A. Stachel	TG

Casualties

Rank	Name	Status
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50°00/01°07 (CHANNEL)

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1031 No., Size & Type Results Observed Yours: CHANNEL

Place On target

Alt 18000 Jettisoned

Br't Back Other UNDERCAST

LEAD SHIP DROPPED IN CHANNEL

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time <u> </u>	T.Opp. <u> </u>	Time <u> </u>
Place <u> </u>	Jett. <u> </u>	Place <u> </u>
Alt. <u> </u>	Br't back <u> </u>	Alt. <u> </u>

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: *NOTES*

1st Attack - Place Time Duration Alt

No. type Weapons

Tactics:

2nd Attack - Place Time Duration Alt

No. type Weapons

Tactics:

Give same information on any subsequent attacks:

OUT OF HIGH WENT DOWN
 AT 500
 2 P41/2 ON FIRE AND EXPLODED — NO
 CHUTES —

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

NONE

FRAG ON 1ST RUN NOT TOO
 BAD — 2ND TIME REALLY
 GOT IT.

CREW SUGGESTIONS

ONE RUN OVER TARGET — BETTER FOOD
 IN MESS HALLS — PATCHES + RAGS
 FOR GUNS —

FIGHTER SUPPORT

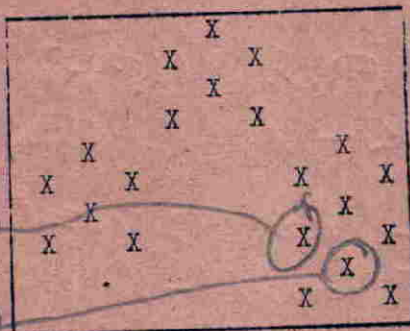
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THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (2/4).

0 HOLES — WING — 2nd PARALLEL — BOMB BAY — *For King*

Post INTERROGATION FORM *TOWNSEND*
Crew 5
GROUP 100 SQD 349 A/C NO 347 LTR BOMB LOAD 6x1000 DATE 28-4-44

Position in formation
(at target)



Rank	Name	Rank	Name
Lt L. E. Townsend	P	T/Sgt W.-W. Kolar	TT
Lt E. H. Fehrenkamp	CP	S/Sgt C. M. Anderson	BT
Lt G. D. Gardner	N	S/Sgt J. A. Miller	RW
T/Sgt M. Grabel	B	S/Sgt G. M. Lane	LW
T/Sgt T. L. Verduco	RAD	S/Sgt E. C. Milam	TG

Casualties

Rank	Name	Status
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Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1021 No., Size & Type 6/1000
Place On target
Alt 2000 Jettisoned
410 Br't Back

Results Observed
Yours:

NOT OBSERVED

Other ☒

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition

Time	T. Opp.	Time
Place	Jett.	Place
Alt.	Br't back	Alt.

Reason

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

NONE OBSERVED

1st Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
No. type	Weapons		
Tactics:			

2nd Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
No. type	Weapons		
Tactics:			

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

1025-2200-056-102-PEELED OFF
 WHEN OVER WENT STRAIGHT DOWN-NO CHARTS

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

none
 UNDERCAST

CREW SUGGESTIONS

ONE RUN ON TARGET EXCHANGE ALTITUDE
 IN 2ND - BETTER ROAD - RACS FOR
 JONS -

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

ARMED AND COMBAT READY

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A diagram of a rectangular field with a grid of points marked by 'X's. The points are arranged in a roughly rectangular pattern. Two points are circled: one on the left side and one in the center. The field is bounded by a thick black line.

<u>Lt. C. W. Woldt</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt. J. C. Arnold</u>	TT
<u>Lt. K. H. Knowlton</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. E. J. Foulds</u>	BT
<u>Lt. R. E. Rossman</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. A. G. Langhoff</u>	RW
<u>S/Sgt. M. Rötze</u>	- B	<u>S/Sgt. R. M. Norman</u>	LW
<u>S/Sgt. D. A. Sachs</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt. J. J. Selvenis</u>	TC

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties			

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1025 No., Size & Type _____
 Place Off target On target _____
 Alt 19000 Jettisoned 5x1000
 Br't Back _____

Results Observed
Yours:

I dropped off East
- Central about
away & had to get
in. Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

Over target about
8/10ths. Target not visible

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time _____	T. Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

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B17 about 1020 - going down in a slow spiral - some ^{friendly} crew reported seeing chute. - a fighter went down at same time & saw chute.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Work extremely accurate - Believe had as many as 2 guns in target area - also entire much of land well fortified with guns.

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Hel should have changed alt in 2 min.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (Z/A).

Ship out of commission

INTERROGATOR'S NAME

Walter R. Hutchinson

V-35 30

152

INTERROGATION FORM

Roth

GROUP 100 SQD 418 A/C NO. 418071 LTR BOMB LOAD 6x1000 DATE 28/4/44

Position in formation
(at target)

				X					
			X		X				
				X					
		X			X				
X		X				X		X	
	X						X		
X		X				X		X	
						X			
						X		X	

Rank	Name	Rank	Name
Lt. G.L. Roth	P	S/Sgt. W.B. Yates	TT
Lt. W.F. LeBaron	CP	Sgt. P.E. Hunter	BT
Lt. D. Shoss	N	Sgt. C.R. Carlson	RW
Lt. C.H. Svendsen	B	Sgt. W.W. Moore	LW
S/Sgt. B.L. Reynolds	RAD	Sgt. H.E. Rulong	TG

Casualties

Rank	Name	Status
<u>LT. C.H. SVENDSEN</u>		
<u>(-W-)</u>		

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1012

No., Size & Type

Results Observed

Place Target

On target 6x 1000

Yours:

Alt 21500

Jettisoned

Clouds prevented observation.

Br't Back

Other

Weather as it affected the Mission: Clear but undercast at about 16000' in target area.

TURNED BACK EARLY

Time

Bomb Disposition

Reason

Place

T.Opp.

Time

Alt.

Jett.

Place

Br't back

Alt.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place

Time

Duration

Alt

No.

type

Weapons

Tactics:

None

2nd Attack - Place

Time

Duration

Alt

No.

type

Weapons

Tactics:

Give same information on any subsequent attacks:

but are extremely heavy a lot of tanks —
It was their 1st mission —

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

none

CREW SUGGESTIONS

none

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good
moderately

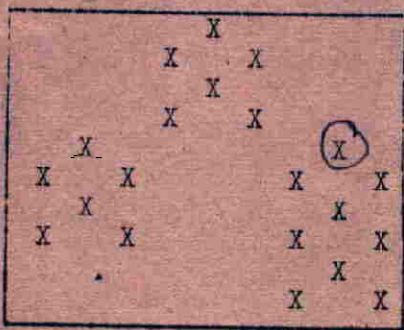
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INTERROGATORS NAME *Macnam*

Crew 45
GROUP 100 SQD 349 A/C NO 2723 LTR BOMB LOAD 6x1000 DATE 28/4/44

INTERROGATION FORM *COWAN*

Position in formation
(at target)



Rank	Name	Rank	Name
Lt. C.H. Cowan	P	T/Sgt. M.W. Holditch	TT
Lt. H.A. Dibbern	CP	T/Sgt. W.A. Geigle	BT
Lt. R.O. McClure	N	S/Sgt. R. Patrick	RW
Lt. H.L. Heyneman	B	S/Sgt. A.C. Stoppel	LW
T/Sgt. J.P. Cooper	RAD	S/Sgt. J.A. Pontzius	TG

Casualties Rank Name Status
None

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 10:20 No., Size & Type
Place Target On target 6 x 1000
Alt 22200 Jettisoned
90° Br't Back

Results Observed
Yours:
*unobserved -
beneath clouds*
Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:
8/10 over target area

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition			Reason
Time	T.Opp.	Time	
Place	Jett.	Place	
Alt.	Br't back	Alt.	

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place Time Duration Alt
No. type Weapons
Tactics:

None

2nd Attack - Place Time Duration Alt
No. type Weapons
Tactics:

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

also saw 024 go down in steep dive. no
chutes seen.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

None

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Sgt. Seigle - Suggest that chaff be thrown out
of tail - When thrown out behind full turret it
goes back into ship - and a chute there interferes
with guns of full turret.

Sgt. Cooper: E-1 Mess hall very ~~not~~ ^{very} dirty
and silverware ^{very} rusty. Suggest that it be cleaned
up immediately and kept that way and better silver-
ware purchased. Behind all E-1s will go in 1050
FIGHTER SUPPORT
Very good even 1 pound for good silverware

THIS SHIP (WAS) (~~WAS NOT~~) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (~~T/P~~)

INTERROGATORS NAME: *ABA*

RYAN

Position in formation
(at target)

A diagram of a 5x5 grid. The grid contains 'X' marks at the following positions (row, column): (1,3), (1,4), (1,5), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (2,5), (3,1), (3,2), (3,3), (3,4), (3,5), (4,1), (4,2), (4,3), (4,4), (4,5), (5,1), (5,2), (5,3), (5,4), (5,5). The 'X' at (3,4) is circled. There is a handwritten 'a' next to the circled 'X'.

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties			

TARGET BOMBED

Results Observed

Yours:

Yours:
Dropped near
target, but unable
to clearly see
it.

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition			Reason
Time _____	T. Opp. _____	Time _____	
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____	
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____	

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

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in that had to ditch, 1025, was
 target - he said he was down to
 100 ft. he reported his position & air
 sea rescue was asked for.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

J
 M

CREW SUGGESTIONS

J
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 Sgt. J. J. Keenan had 2 pocket
 stolen from his locker just before
 the mission.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/AA).

INTERROGATORS NAME

Walter A. Thelander

ew #61 *Poster* INTERROGATION FORM *ZAPP*
GROUP 100 SQD 351 A/C NO 530 LTR BOMB LOAD 6x1000 DATE 28/4/44

Position in formation (at target)

			X		X				
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Rank	Name	Rank	Name
Lt. E. Zapf	P	T/Sgt. C. R. Koger	TT
Lt. W. D. Lawson	CP	S/Sgt. F. A. DeBello	BT
Lt. R. S. D. Pittbenner	N	S/Sgt. G. E. Anderson	RW
S/Sgt. R. W. Lennox	B	S/Sgt. C. J. Gorlinski	LW
T/Sgt. J. Rodemich	RAD	S/Sgt. R. D. Kreitzer	TG

Casualties None

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

No., Size & Type	Results Observed
Time <u> </u>	<i>Made 2 runs on target. Low cumulus clouds - good 8/10 coverage - Other could not identify target.</i>
Place <u> </u>	
Alt <u> </u>	
Br't Back <u>6 x 1000</u>	

Weather as it affected the Mission: target.

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition	Reason
Time <u> </u>	
Place <u> </u>	
Alt. <u> </u>	
T.Opp. <u> </u>	
Jett. <u> </u>	
Br't back <u> </u>	

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place None. Time Duration Alt

No. type Weapons

Tactics:

2nd Attack - Place Time Duration Alt

No. type Weapons

Tactics:

Give same information on any subsequent attacks:

over target - Second run. Fire broke out on Starboard side - Exploded just above cloud coverage - no chutes were seen. About 7,000. Fire was seen coming just before explosion.

1 - B17 - High Squadron - seen smoking - trailing smoke from right wing. Second run on target. Exploded - no chutes, above clouds. from 5 to 7,000 ft alt.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

None.

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Definitely should have not been a second run on target - too many groups had already went thru. Flak was intense & accurate. Guns were already accurate on formations.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

as briefed

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / (SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME

L. W. Sheets

INTERROGATION FORM

Rice

GROUP 100 SQD 418 A/C NO 154 LTR BOMB LOADS x 1000 DATE 28/4/44

Position in formation
(at target)

Rank	Name
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A diagram showing a triangular arrangement of 15 'X' marks. The top row has 1 'X', the second row has 2 'X's, the third row has 3 'X's, and so on, down to a bottom row of 6 'X's. The 'X' in the third row, second column is circled in red.

Lt. D. C. Rice	P	T/Sgt. P.H. Rowe	TT
Lt. J. S. Farcht	CP	S/Sgt. R.E. Pryor	BT
S/Sgt. H. F. Lowe	B	S/Sgt. H. C. Vaughn	RW
Lt. W. Cherry	N	S/Sgt. W. E. Stein	LW
T/Sgt. L.M. Thompson	RA	S/Sgt. R.W. Pion	TC

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties			

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1018

No., Size & Type

Results Observed
Yours:

Place New P.T.

On target 6 X 1000 GP

Alt 21,000

Jettisoned

Br't Back

Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition

Reason

Time

T. Opp.

Time

Place

1. Opp. _____
Jett. _____

Time _____
Place _____

Alt. _____

Br't. back

Place _____
Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
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Tactics: _____

None

2nd Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
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Tactics:

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

then exploded (into bits)
 2nd one was in steep dive - one wing tip of
 then started spinning & exploded - 2 chunks
 out.

Our 1st ship got direct hit between #2 and
 cockpit - lost nose being alt. with #2
 engine on fire - Do not know if it got back

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

None

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Crew - Get navigators for all ships - flying in
 poor weather without one is bad.

Pilot - Bullet-proof glass for windshields.

Crew - Cleaning patches for guns.

Pilot - New silencers in use - food poor.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERROGATORS NAME -

R. W. Terry

VILSON

Position in formation
(at target)

Rank	Name
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Rank	Name
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[illegible]

<u>Lt. M. V. Wilson</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt. J. W. McAuliffe</u>	IT
<u>Lt. C. E. Adams</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. D. M. Rohasek</u>	BT
<u>Lt. J. T. Johnston</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. W. E. Moreland</u>	EW
<u>Lt. R. A. Kroenke</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt. G. B. Donahue</u>	LN
<u>T/Sgt. E. V. Sweeney</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt. C. G. Davis</u>	TC

	Rank	Name	Status
Casualties	LT.	R.A. Krenke	(Slight A.A.W. in leg.)

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1020 No., Size & Type 45
Place Tanger On target 6 X 1000
Alt 71,600 Jettisoned _____
Br't Back _____

Results Observed
Yours:

Unobserved
Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

7/10th in target - some open lanes made 2 runs

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition

Reason

Time _____	T. Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
 No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
 Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

as they can get their mail.
 OPEN SUGGESTIONS ① E.H. would mail from open after missions

Memo

OBSERVATIONS OF GWT

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE: (Separate Interrogation Form)
 FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS
 (Group and A/C No. - Condition -
 where down - causes - any unusual
 occurrences of interest - your altitude)
 ① E-17 advice to Radio. It
 by H.R. 1134 and eng. Brown
 to report out of formation
 chute.
 ② E-17 at 1020' a kill in #1
 eng. 4 left wing or disc.
 Picked out of formation.
 Killed up. This was #056.
 ③ no chute seen.

crew #17

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SQD 350 A/C NO 009 LTR BOMB LOAD 6x1000 DATE 28-4-44

Position in formation
(at target)

			X	(X)					
			X	X					
			X		X				
	X					X		X	
X	X	X				X	X	X	
	X						X		
X		X				X	X	X	
							X		
						X	X		

Rank	Name	Rank	Name
Lt	E. F. Noordyk	P	T/Sgt R. W. Byers
Lt	J. R. Creighton	CP	S/Sgt Langdon
Lt	D. M. Bailey	N	S/Sgt J. A. Meade
T/Sgt	C. H. Thompson	B	S/Sgt J. E. Himpel
T/Sgt	N. L. Brown	RAD	S/Sgt F. R. Gardner

Casualties

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1018

Place 11A

Alt 21000

Ldg 350°

No., Size & Type

On target 6x1000

Jettisoned

Br't Back

Results Observed

Yours:

Believe good hits -

Vicinity not

Other

good for observation

Weather as it affected the Mission:

6/10 undercast - broke to see them. Dropped in lead

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition

Reason

Time	T.Opp.	Time
Place	Jett.	Place
Alt.	Br't back	Alt.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place

Time

Duration

Alt

No.

type

Weapons

Tactics:

None

2nd Attack - Place

Time

Duration

Alt

No.

type

Weapons

Tactics:

None

Give same information on any subsequent attacks:

4 units spiraled off - no longer planning - saw
1 chute only. _____

OB.7 - hit in sqd. behind by flak.
Believe our 056 _____

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Made 2 runs - no flak on first
run - maintained same alt. believe this
gave AA gunners time to get our
carrier alt. - _____

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Want navigators - important!!
Let's get plating in 009 - _____

FIGHTER SUPPORT

OK

THIS SHIP (WAS) ~~(WAS NOT)~~ SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) ~~(T/L)~~

INTERROGATORS NAME _____

Crew #10

INTERROGATION FORM

LAKIN

GROUP 100 SQD 350

N/C NO 024

LTR

BOMB LOAD 3x1000

DATE 28/4/44

Position in formation
(at target)

			X						
		X		X					
			X						
		X		X					
	X					X		X	
X		X					X		X
	X							X	
X		X				X		X	
							X		
						X		X	

Capt. Lakin	P	T/Sgt. J. C. Brown	TT
Col. Kelly	CP	S/Sgt. A. M. Freitas	BT
Capt. J. H. Payne	N	S/Sgt. J. N. Spiker	RW
Lt. M. H. Cain	B	S/Sgt. J. A. Richard	LW
T/Sgt. L. R. Cannon	RAD	S/Sgt. D. E. Barnhart	TG
	Rank	Lt. J. T. Fitzrey	CPTG
		Name	Status

Casualties

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time	No., Size & Type	Results Observed
		Yours:
Place	On target	
Alt	Jettisoned	
	Br't Back	
		Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time	T.Opp.	Time
Place	Jett.	Place
Alt.	Br't back	Alt.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
No.	type	Weapons	
Tactics:			

2nd Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt
No.	type	Weapons	
Tactics:			

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

INTERVIEWERS NAME

1. The 100th A Group flew (high-lead-low) of the 13th() C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation.
The 100th E Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " () " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target -		A Group	B Group
Lead	A/C		
Highest	"		
Lowest	"		

3. True Heading on Bomb Run

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing sec. sec.

6. Time Bombs Away

7. Turn from Target after Bombing

8. True Course Away from Target

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area:

10. Visibility at Target: -----

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

[illegible]

5-2 50-8/2/44

INTERROGATING OFFICER

INTERROGATION FORM

MAJOR

GROUP 100 SQD 418 A/C NO 306 LTR BOMB LOAD 6 x 1000 DATE 28/4/44

Position in formation
(at target)

A diagram showing the arrangement of 20 'X' marks on a grid, representing the 20 letters of the alphabet. The marks are arranged in a pattern that roughly follows the shape of the letters, with some marks grouped together and others isolated.

Rank	Name	Rank	Name
Lt. S. T. Major	P	S/Sgt. L.H. Deatrich	TT
Lt. T. Blain	CP	Sgt. J.H. Gage	BT
Lt. S. B. Green	N	Sgt. H.F. Carter	RW
Lt. W.A. Lichenstern	B	Sgt. M.K. Eckley	LW
Sgt. J.E. Marion	RAD	Sgt. W.G. Moore	TG
Casualties	Rank	Name	Status

Casualties

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time _____ No., Size & Type _____ Results Observed _____
 _____ On target _____ Yours: _____
 Place _____ Jettisoned _____
 Alt _____ Br't Back _____

Weather as it affected the Mission:

'TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time _____	T.Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

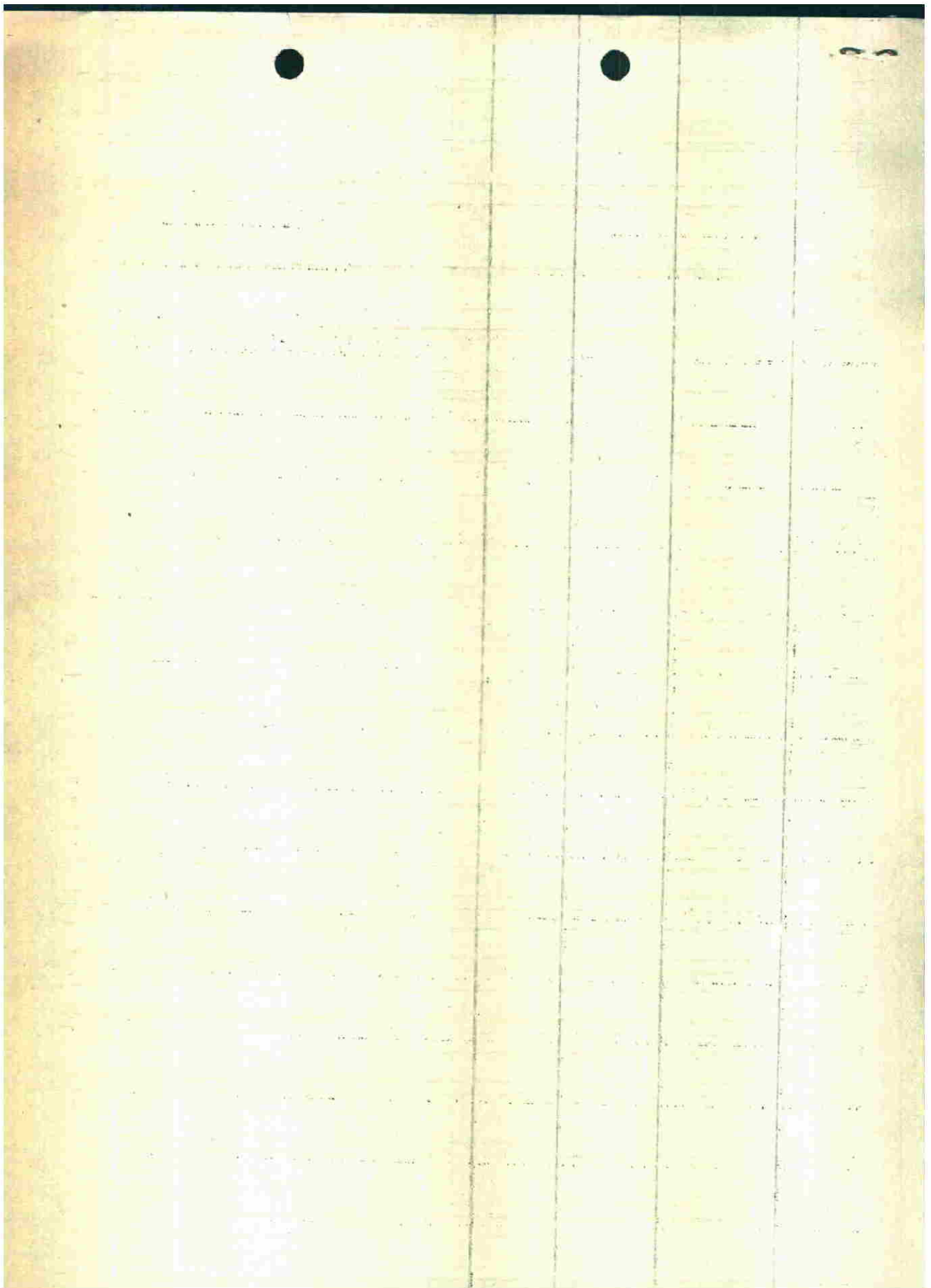
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INTERROGATORS NAME _____

DATE OF ATTACK _____

SHIP NO. _____

3-2 49-8/1/44



Crew 80
GROUP 100 SQUAD 418 A/C NO 087 LTR BOMB LOAD 8 x 1000 DATE 28/4/44

INTERROGATION FORM

WILLIAMS

Position in formation
(at target)

				X					
			X		X				
				X					
		X			X				
X		X				X		X	
	X						X		X
X		X				X		X	
							X		
						X		X	

Rank	Name		Rank	Name	
Lt. E. Williams		P	Sgt. M.H. Evans		TT
Lt. E.R. Nesmith		CP	Sgt. G.J. Treker		BT
Lt. W.M. Pickett		N	Sgt. C.K. Platkin		RW
Lt. V.O. Braezale		B	Sgt. E.A. Yarch		LW
S/Sgt. M.V. Goos		RAD	Sgt. R. Cohen		TG

Casualties Rank Name Status

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

No., Size & Type Results Observed Yours:

Time _____

Place _____ On target _____

Alt _____ Jettisoned _____

Br't Back _____

Other _____

Weather as it affected the Mission:

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition Reason

Time _____ T.Opp. _____ Time _____

Place _____ Jett. _____ Place _____

Alt. _____ Br't back _____ Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____

No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____

Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____

No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____

Tactics: _____

Give same information on any subsequent attacks:

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

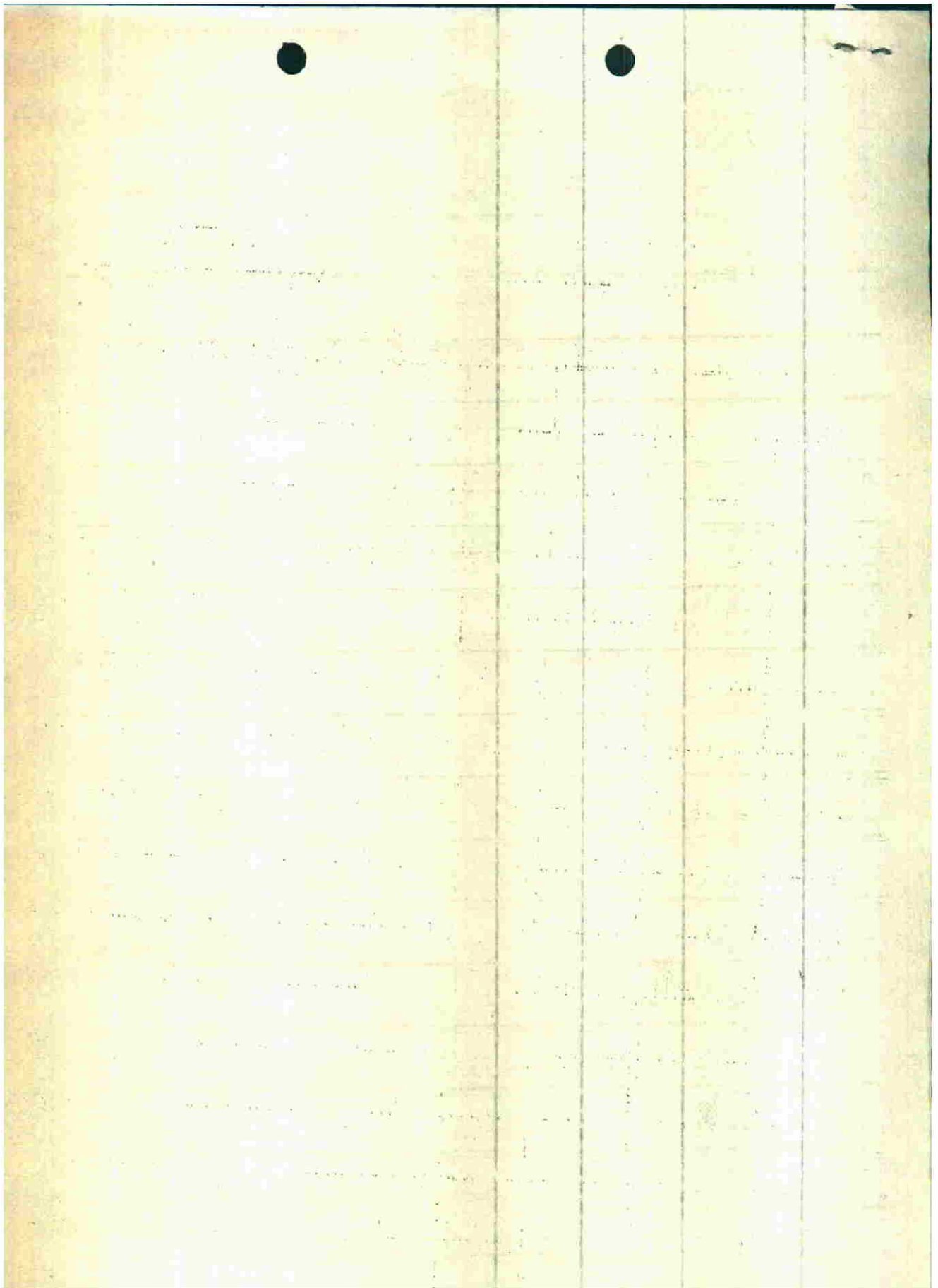
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INTERROGATORS NAME _____

DATE OF ATTACK _____

SHIF NO. _____

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62-1-13

Rank	Name
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<u>Lt D. S. Pearson</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt E. J. Rene</u>	TT
<u>Lt W. D. Lund</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt F. X. Kerin</u>	BT
<u>Lt K. S. Welty</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt B. F. Truesdell</u>	RW
<u>Lt L. N. Smith</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt H. J. Scrivener</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt N. Sansevero</u>	..RAD	<u>S/Sgt G. P. Zigo</u>	TG
Rank		T/Sgt D. W. Bradley	Status

Casualties	Name	Status
	Lt. D. S. Pearson	Pilot
	S/Sgt. F. X. Kerin	BT

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

Results Observed
Yours:

Couldn't see

Br't Back

Other

Weather as it affected the Mission:

3/10 tho

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition

Reason

Bomb Disposition

Time _____	T. Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Br't back _____	Alt. _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

None

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____
No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Flooded area S. of target almost all way across peninsula.

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Should have changed alt. on 2nd run.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

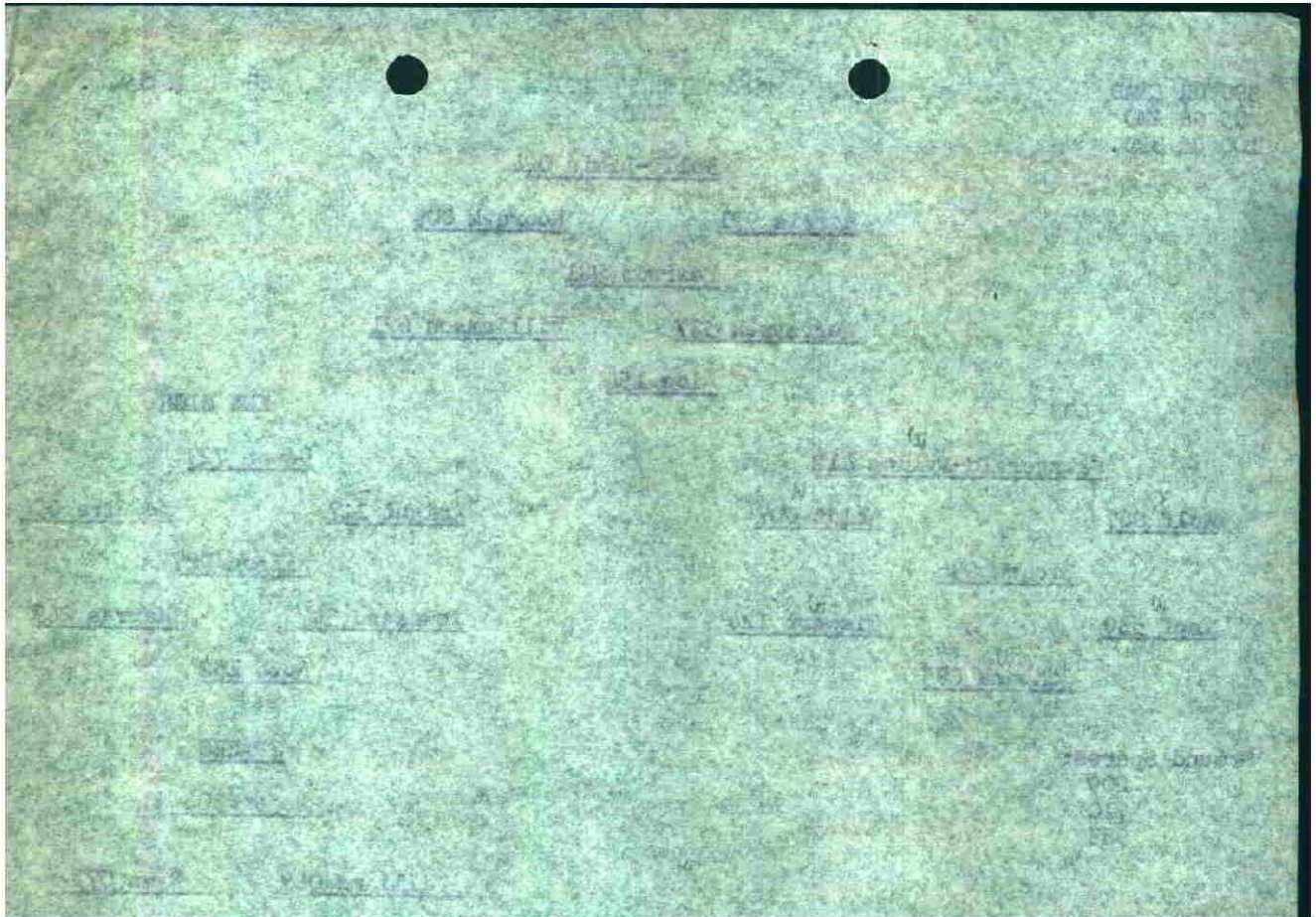
Good. - P47.

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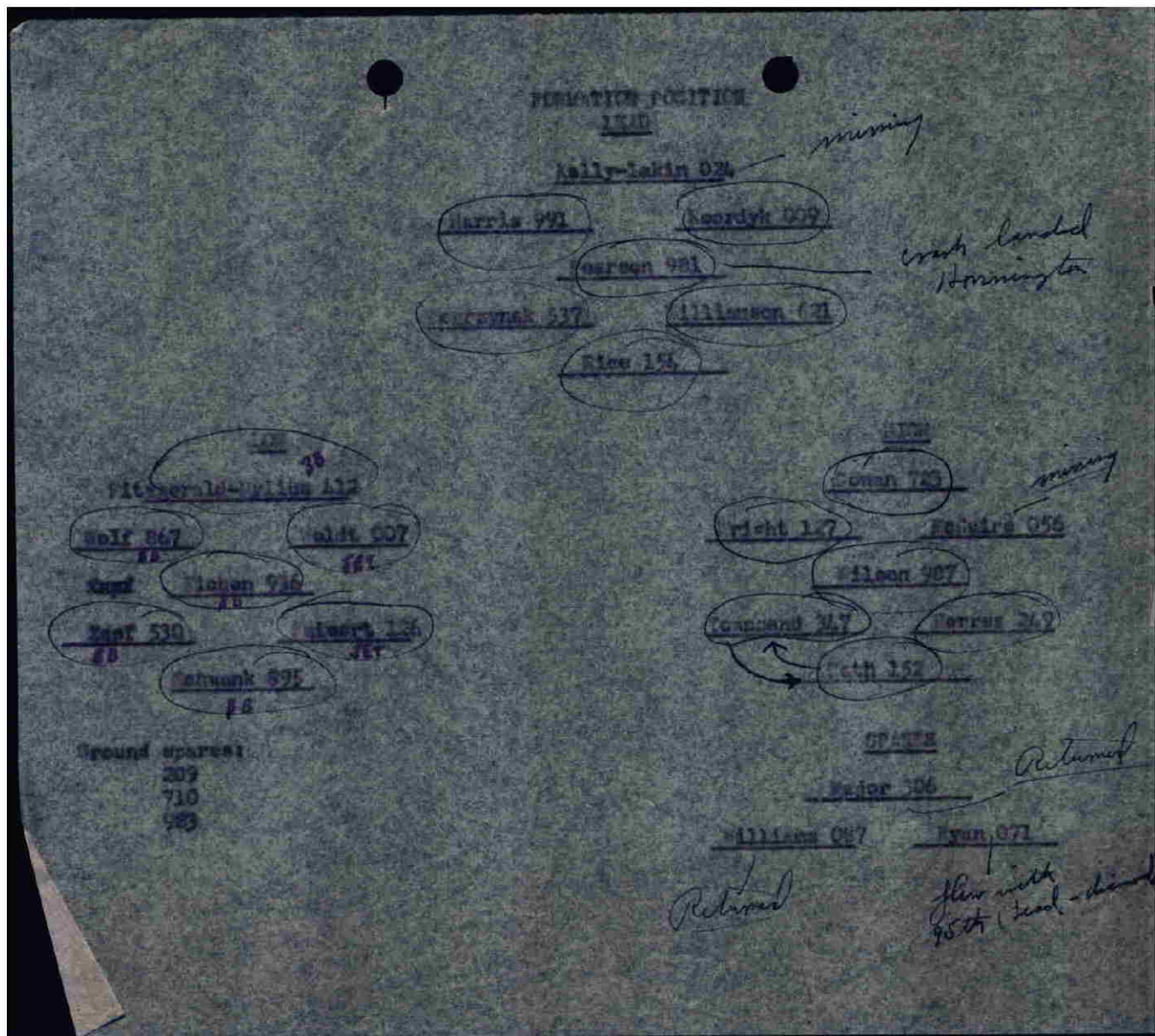
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390 GR LEAD 95 GR 2ND 100 GR 3RD.	FORMATION POSITION LEAD	28 APRIL 1944.
	<u>Kelly-Lakin 024</u>	
	<u>Harris 991</u>	<u>Noordyk 009</u>
	<u>Pearson 981</u>	
	<u>Wagraynek 537</u>	<u>Williamson 621</u>
	<u>Rice 154</u>	
LOW		HIGH
^W <u>Fitzgerald-Mylins 412</u>		<u>Cowan 723</u>
^W <u>Wolf 867</u>	^M <u>Woldt 007</u>	<u>Wright 127</u>
^W <u>Zach 530</u>	^W <u>Siewert 126</u>	<u>McGuire 056</u>
^W <u>Schrank 895</u>		<u>Wilson 987</u>
		<u>Townsend 347</u>
		<u>Harres 242</u>
		<u>Noth 152</u>
Ground Spares:		SPARES
209		<u>Major 306</u>
710		
983		<u>Williams 087</u>
		<u>Ryan 071</u>

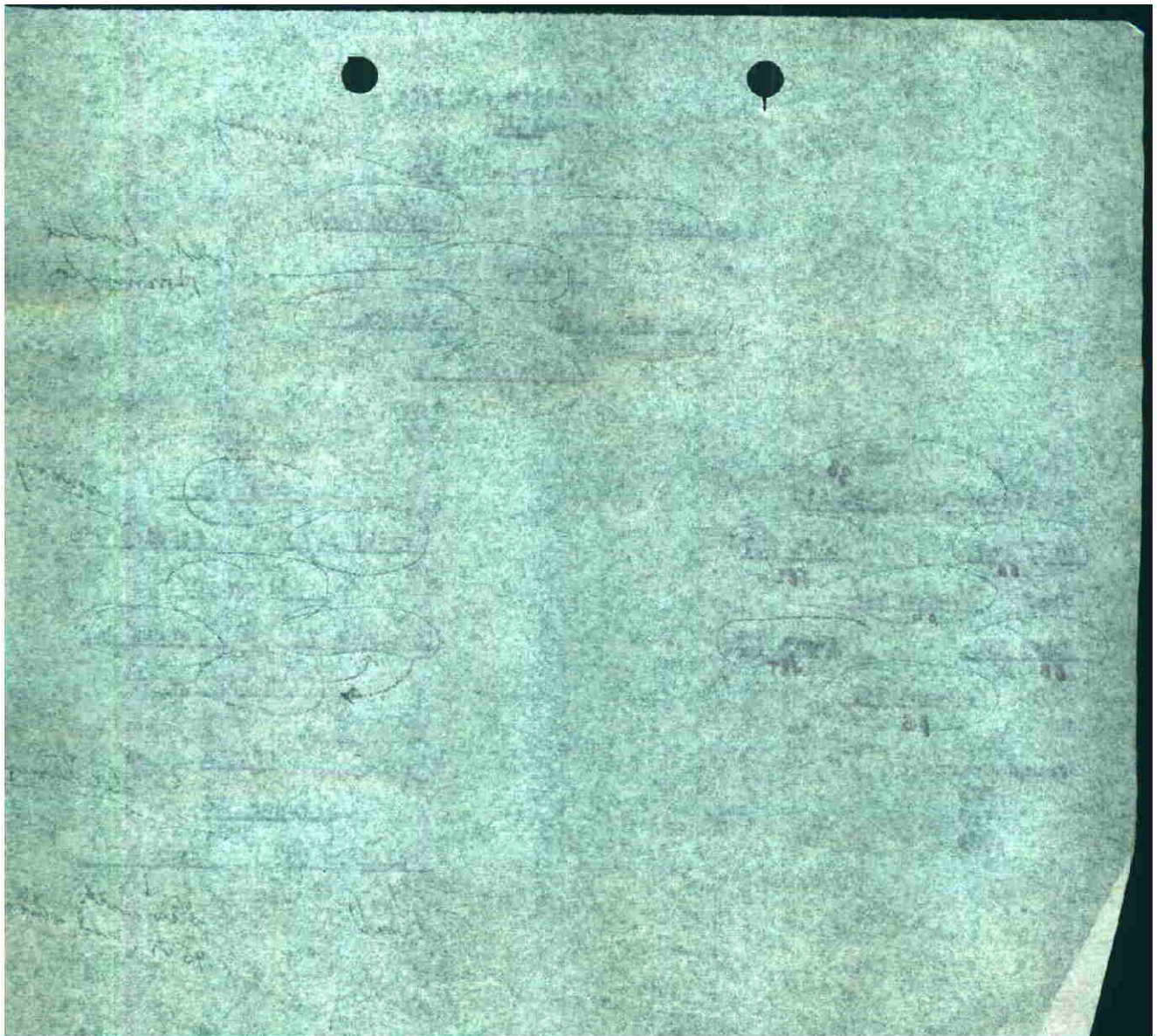
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FORMATION POSITION

COMBAT MISSION OF

LEAD SQDN

4 - 28 - 44

POCBAN

KELLY - LAKIN 024 B

HARRIS 991 D NOORUYK 009 X

PEARSON 981 E

WEGRZYNEK 537 S WILLIAMSON 621 A

RUBBER

RICH 154 A

LOW SQDN

MAFKING

FITZGERALD - WELIUS 412 G

WOLF 867 Z

WOIDT 007 B

EICHEN 936 H

ZAFF 530 K

SIEWERT 126 D

RUBBER

SCHWANK 895 Y

HIGH SQDN

KIDMEAT

COWAN 723 R

WRIGHT 127 J MC GUIRE 056 O

WILSON 987 A

TOWNSEND 347 K HARRIS 249 L

RUBBER

BOTH 152 X

GROUND SPARES

RUBBER

2090 R LEAD

KIDMEAT

710 P

MAFKING

983 F

SPARES

RUBBER

MAJOR 306 S

RUBBER

WILLIAMS 087 Z RYAN 071 P

FORMATION POSITION

COMBAT MISSION OF

LEAD SQDN

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RUBBER

RICE 154 A

LOW SQDN

MAFKING

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WOLDT 007 B

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ZAPF 530 K

SIEMERT 126 D

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HIGH SQDN

KIDMEAT

COWAN 723 R

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RUBBER

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710 P

MAFKING

983 F

SHARES

RUBBER

MAJOR 306 S

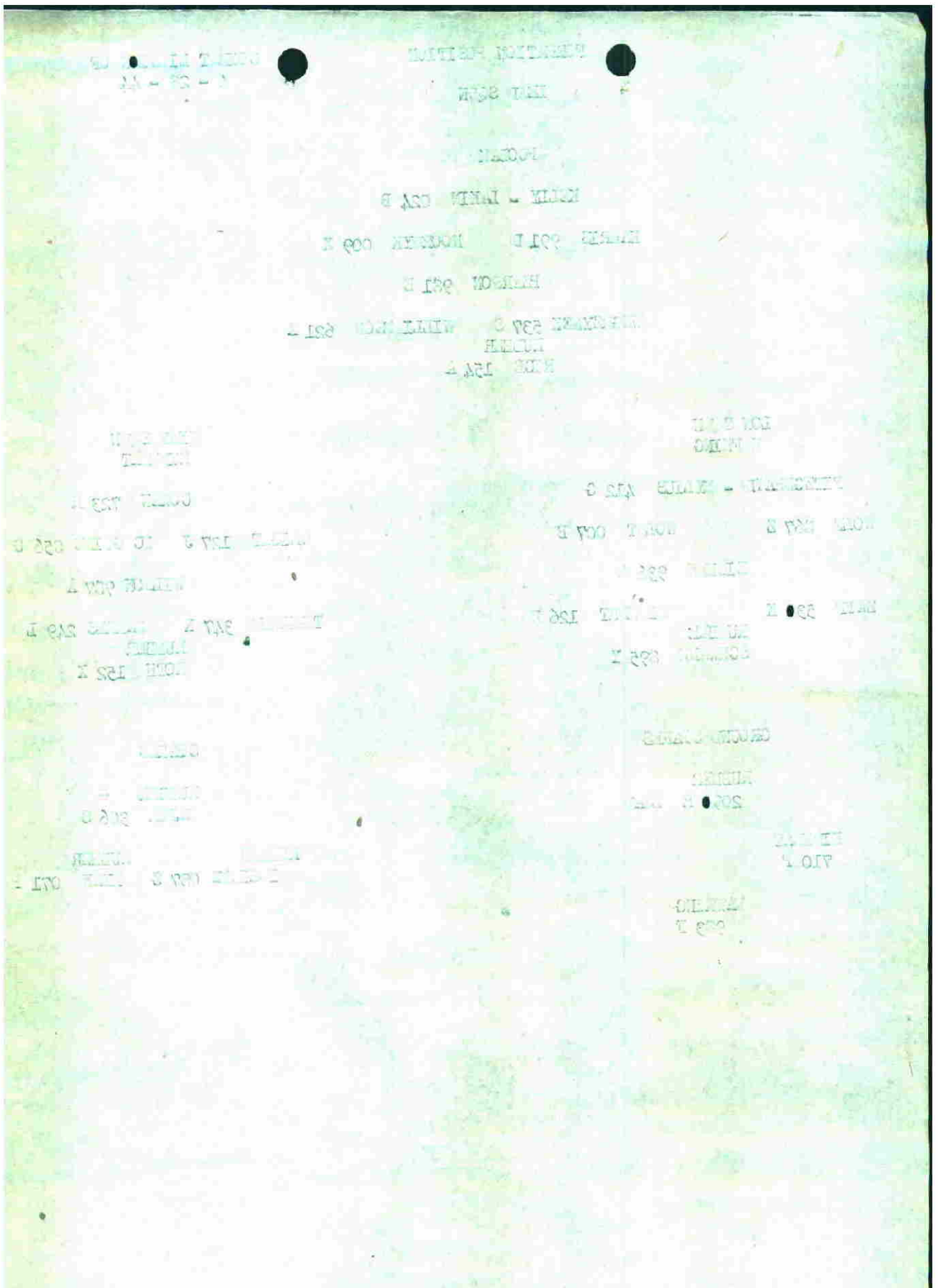
RUBBER

WILLIAMS 087 Z

RUBBER

RYAN 071 P

290 NR - Lead
 90 - 2nd
 100 - 3rd



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CHECK NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS
PRESENT OTHER THAN CREW MEMBERS

ABBEY, LT.

SHAW, MAJOR

BARR, CAPT.

STOVER, CAPT.

BENNETT, LT. COL.

TURNER, LT. COL.

BLAKELY, MAJ.

WILLIAMS, M. M/Sgt.

CLOUTER, LT.

SPENCE, S/Sgt.

CROSBY, CAPT.

DOUGLAS, CAPT.

S-2 DUTY OFFICER Lt. Shirley

ELTON, MAJOR

Capt. Terry

EMERSON, MAJOR

Lt. Fauman ✓

FRYE, LT.

Sgt. Wyatt

FULLER, CAPT.

Sgt. Charlton ✓

GREENBURG, LT.

Sgt. Flang

HARDY, CAPT.

Cpl. DeLeonardo

IANNACONE, CAPT.

KELLY, COL.

KIDD, LT. COL.

DUTY NAVIGATOR Capt. Crosby

KINDER, CAPT.

DUTY BOMBARDIER Capt. Douglass

LASH, CAPT. ✓

LAURO, CAPT.

Add additional names when verbally
authorized by S-2 Duty Officer:

MCCARTHY, CAPT.

MILBURN, LT.

ORENSTEIN, LT.

PIKE, LT.

REEDER, CAPT.

ROSENTHAL, CAPT.

S-2 52-17/4/44

DATE OF BRIEFING 28 April 1944

The following ships have cameras.

1412

7126

1723

1987

~~7127~~

1981

2009

1347

CHECK SHEET
Duty Officer28 Apr '44
(Date)

(Check each of following as handled)

SPECIAL
NOTES

BRIEFING INFORMATION

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. From File Room | ✓ |
| 2. From Map Room | ✓ |
| 3. Course, pictures & maps (War Room) | ✓ |
| 4. Pictures & maps (Main Briefing Room) | ✓ |
| 5. Course - Briefing Rooms (Duty Navigator) | ✓ |
| 6. Bulk maps & pictures to Map Room | ✓ |
| 7. Epiadscope pictures prepared | ✓ |

FOOD

FIRES

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Gunners' Briefing Room (Tele. #53) | ✓ |
| 2. Main Briefing Room (By 2400 hours) | ✓ |

GUARDS

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Authorized Admission List | ✓ |
| 2. Posting | ✓ |
| 3. Dismissal | ✓ |

P/W KITS

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Loading | ✓ |
| 2. Check out sheet & EM assignment | ✓ |

POST BRIEFING

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. Personal property & issue records to S-2 | ✓ |
| 2. Main Briefing Rm. (Lights out, stoves closed) | ✓ |
| 3. Briefing Material to Files in folder
(Removed from both Briefing Rooms) | ✓ |

(Fill in time or name)

1. Pre-Briefing at 02302. Briefing at 04303. Time over target 10084. ETR 71335. No. Crews on Mission 21 + 3 spare6. File & Map clerks called at 01007. Other EM called at 0700

8. Officers notified at:

a. Main Briefing 0100b. Gunners' Briefing 0100

c. Major Shaw

9. Assignments:

a. Gunners' Epiadscope Sgt. Charltonb. Main Br. Epiadscope Sgt. Flangc. P/W Kits Sgt. Wyattd. Map Room S/Sgt. Wm Smith10. Personal phone calls stopped 0515

NOTE: Official telephone calls are to be noted in the Journal. Time, Date & Duty Officer's initials go on each order or annex received from Operations.

S-2 52/2-2-44

4932-0135-

420 feet alt.

MAIN BRIEFINGDATE 28-4-44BRIEFING O. Long

1. TARGETS: (IMPORTANCE, SIZE & IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS)

A. PRIMARY TARGET: NOBALL at SOTTEVAST - Target is located 1 mile NE of SOTTVAST and $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles S. of center of CHERBOURG near the very center of the Cherbourg peninsula. It lies half-way up the slope that rises gently to the NE from the valley of the river DOUVE and the Cherbourg-VALOGNES RR. It is not adjacent to any built-up area. Target area is 1400×700 yds WNW to ESE, rectangular with a projection to the north.

1 of 8 large sites of this type -

B. SECONDARY TARGET:

24 mi from I.P. to target -
 1.6 mi from landfall to target
 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ mi SW of Swastice
 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ mi Queny RR intersection 1700 yds from RR to MPI

C. LAST RESORT:

5 mi NNE of Bricquebec
 6 mi NW of VALOGNES

2. ROUTE: (FLAK AREAS ON ROUTE IN & RETURN)

A. FROM ENEMY COAST TO I.P.:

B. FROM I.P. TO TARGET:

C. GUNS AT P.T.:

HEAVY

32

GUNS AT S.T.:

HEAVY

GUNS AT L.R.:

HEAVY

D. MOBILE FLAK UNITS on RR cars or BARGES (if any)

a column of 2nd & after bombing will load
 flack quickest

3. ENEMY FIGHTERS: WITHIN MILES OF THE TARGET.

A. NUMBER: S/E _____ T/E _____ F/B _____ RTU _____

B. TACTICS: (anything new or unusual)

5. EPIADIASCOPE

6. CLOSING REMARKS:

MAKE AS MANY OBSERVATIONS AS POSSIBLE...REPORTING SAME TO YOUR NAVIGATOR.

IF CAPTURED....NAME, RANK & SERIAL NUMBER.

UNCLASSIFIED

no wing formation -

390 jump ahead + 2 min 95th Jp + 2 min 100th

Bomb load 6 x 1000 lb -

Bomb alt - 19,000 for 4th CW
2 1,000 for 100 CW

Bomb by Squadron -

Force - 13 CW - 3 Groups - 4th C.W. 2 Groups

1st Div - 2 C.W.

4th group in front - we are last one in
this area -

GUNNERS' BRIEFING

1. TARGET: (General Location, importance, size)

P.T. NOBALT CONSTRUCTIONAL WORKS. at SOHEVAST, situated one mile N.E. of SOHEVAST village and 7 1/2 mi. S. of the center of CHERBOURG in the center of the CHERBOURG PENINSULA. It lies halfway up the slope rising gently to the N.E. from the valley of the river OUEVE and the CHERBOURG VALOGNES RR. It is not adjacent to any built up area.

S.T. Total target area is roughly rectangular approx 1400X700 yds

None

L.R.

None

2. ROUTE IN (Timing data)ROUTE OUT (Timing Data)

- a. Taxi 0645
- b. Take off 0700
- c. Rendezvous with other Groups NONE
- d. Reach Bombing altitude 0930
- e. Temperature at Bombing 56 to 59/10 cc.
altitude minus 22 Cent = minus 2° far
- f. Leave British coast 0938
- g. Arrive Enemy Coast 7000
- h. ETA at IP for PT 1000
- i. Axis of attack NE
- j. PT (s) 7000
- k. Rally point 1012

- l. Leave Enemy coast 1012
- m. Time of descent 7012
- n. Place of descent ENEMY COAST
- o. Arrive English coast 1039
- p. ETR 1733

3. ENEMY DEFENSES

- a. KNOWN Flak areas along route in and out: (Number & Type of Guns)
If Known (Mobile Flak units; on RR cars & barges)

32 GUNS within range of the PT
FLAK from ALDERNEY, GUERNSEY, and JERSEY

- b. FLAK around P. T. # Heavy guns _____ : # light guns _____
- c. FLAK around S. T. # Heavy guns _____ : # light guns _____
- d. FLAK around L. R. # Heavy guns _____ : # light guns _____

- c. E/A: Types... within _____ miles radius of the Target:

Number - S/E _____; T/E _____; F/B _____; RTU _____.

- d. Other defenses:

a. Smoke Screen

b. Decoys

Camouflage netting have been used to conceal nature of activities

- b. Group leading our formation 390th GCP
- c. Positions of Squadrons in our Group: Lead _____; High _____;
Low _____;
- d. Bombing alt. of our Group 77000; other Groups _____
- e. Bomb load 6 X 1000
- f. Other efforts:

Targets and times of Diversions and other Friendly efforts:

1st Div. (Accom wings) (4703-0700) Ground up to 4000 ft

5. FIGHTER SUPPORT (Warn against firing against our own escort),

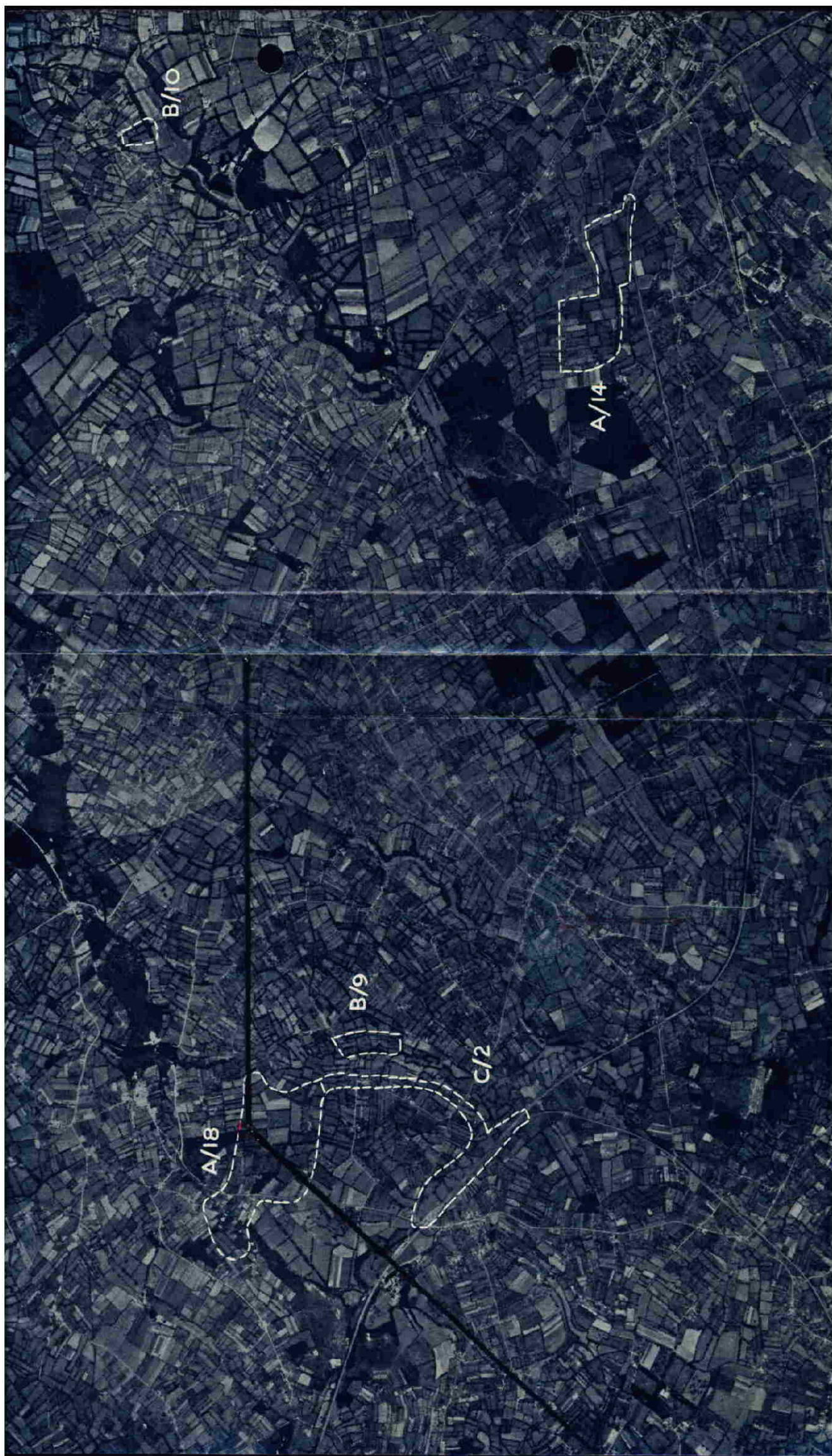
- a. Type of A/C _____; Strength _____
- b. Time and place of rendezvous _____
- c. Extent of escort:

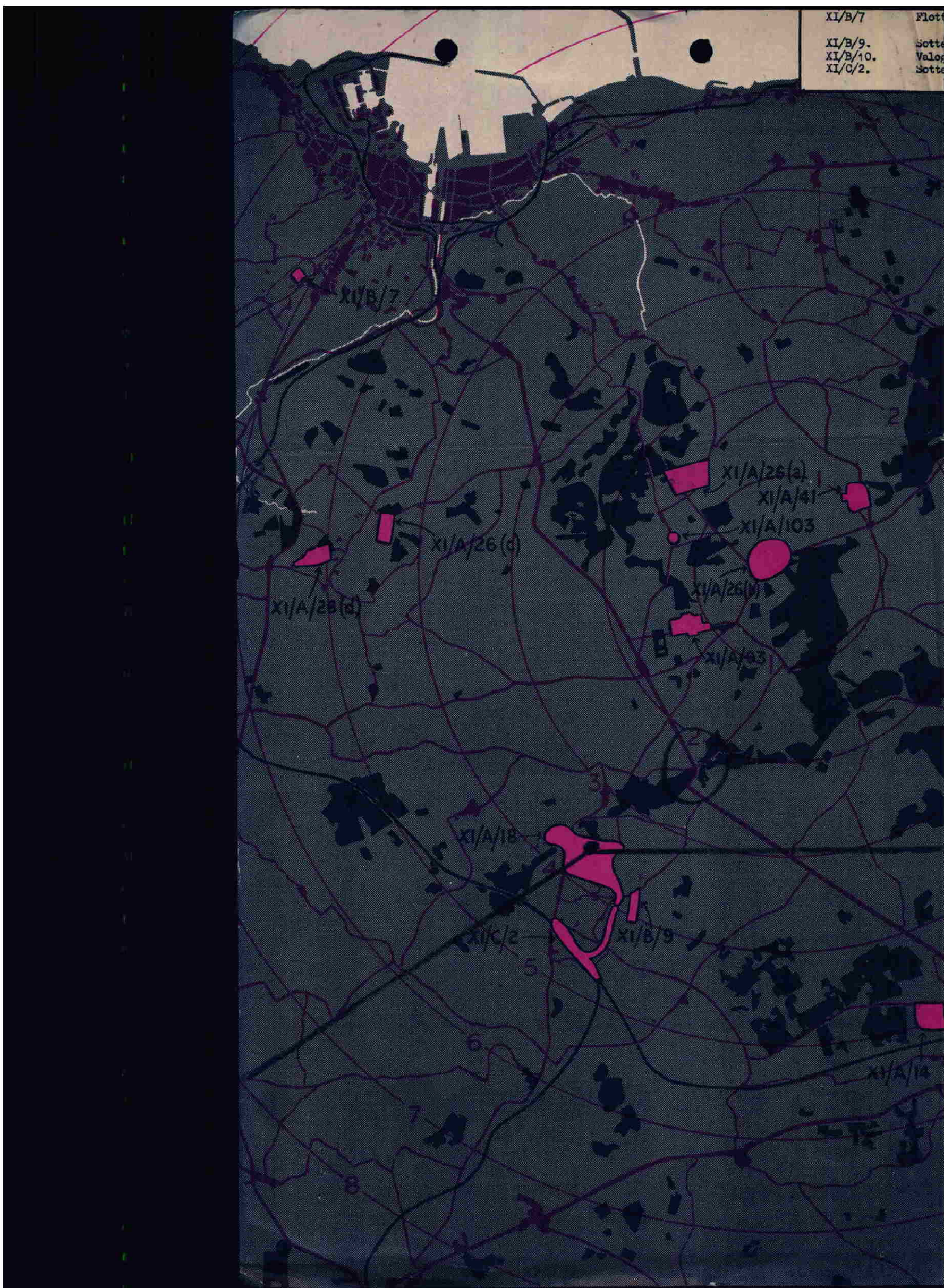
7th Div. P-47. will provide ground support for 3rd Div. from the target area 10 min after last departing

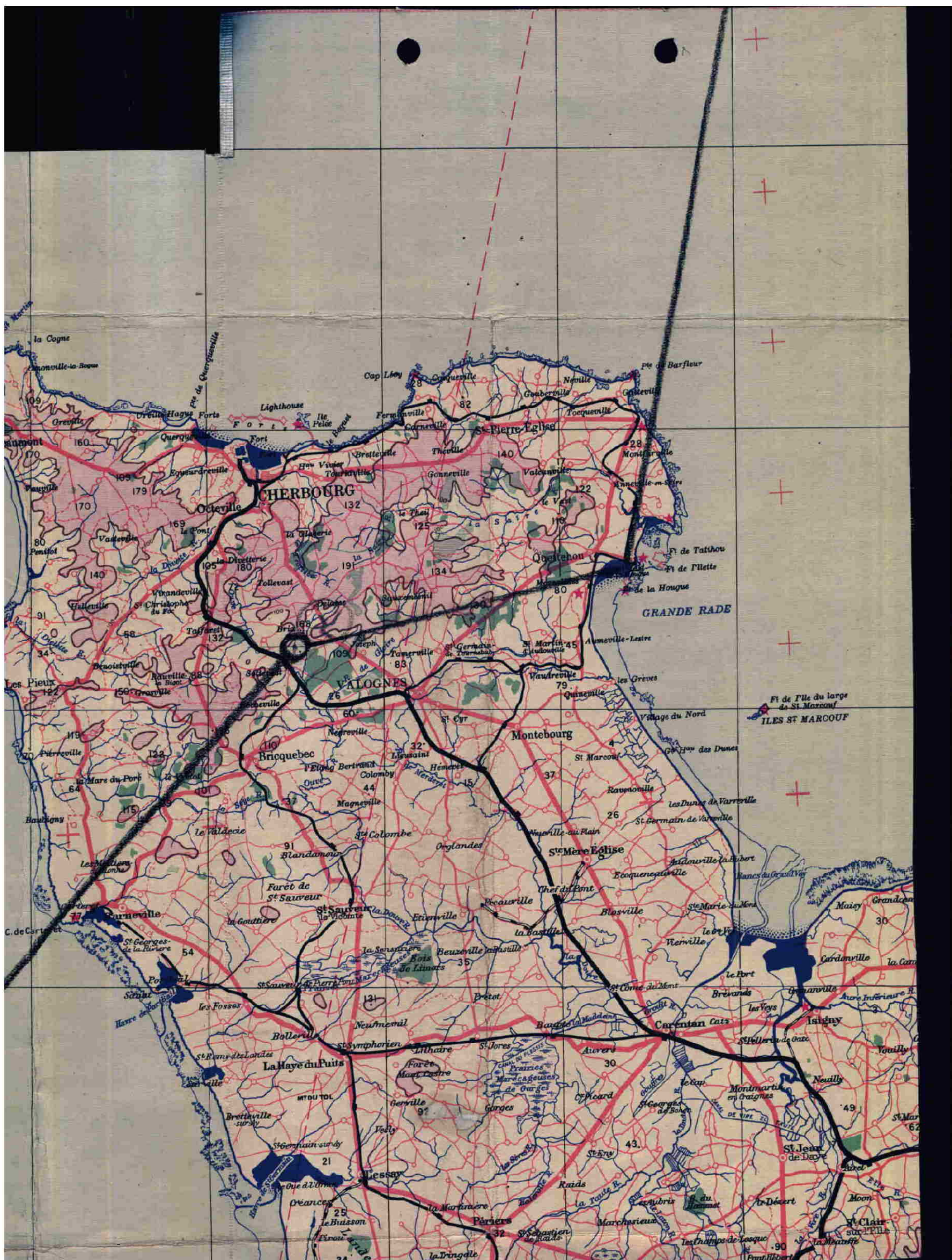
6. EPIADIASCOPE

7. CLOSING REMARKS

- a. All observations - TIME, PLACE AND ALTITUDE
- b. Hot News - report time, place, and altitude of our A/C down or going down at sea; or enemy territory and enemy Naval forces.
- c. NOTIFY NAVIGATOR IMMEDIATELY IF E/A IS BELIEVED DAMAGED OR DESTROYED SO THAT PROPER NOTE IS MADE IN NAVIGATOR'S LOG
- d. If captured: Name, Rank, and Serial No.







USLIST SB-SC OITHE NR 15 -OP-

FROM OITHE 27:2300B

TO USLIST SB-SC

SECRET 3 B.D. P-245-E

ADVANCE WARNING TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER NO. 213

2. A. TARGETS. CROSSBOW:

Z-3067	MPI	032035/4	13 WG	-	3 GPS.
Z-3045			4 WG	-	1 GP.
Z-3102				-	1 GP.

B. FORCE REQUIRED.

45 COM WG : RELEASED FOR TRAINING.
 13 COM WG : 3 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP
 4 COM WG : 2 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP

3.X.(1) ZERO HOUR : 0930 DBST 28 APRIL 1944

(2) BOMB LOAD:

13 WG : 6 X 1000 LB. G.P., FUSING 1XQPN QXRP
 4 WG : 12 X 500 LB. S.A.P. FUSING 1/10, 1/3XX 1/40

LE MAY

TOD 27/2309B CBT
 AS FOR CHECK

AS
 AR

V

TAS R.....

CC IN 3.X.(X) (2) 1ST WA FUSING SHLD BE 1/10, 1/40 IS THAT
 RITE.....???

YES THATS RIGHT TKS

TAS R.....27/2310B FORS AR

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(2) BOMB LOAD:

13 WG: 6 X 1000 LB G.P., FUSING 1/10, 1/40.
4 WG: 12 X 500 LB S.A.P., FUSING 1/10, 1/40.

(3) REFERENCE BASE ALTITUDE: 15,000

(4) BOMBING WILL BE DONE BY SQUADRON.

(5) SQUADRON AIR COMMANDERS WILL MAKE DECISION ON
ADDITIONAL RUNS.

(6) INTERVALOMETER SETTING: MINIMUM.

4. NORMAL: COM WGS FORWARD COPIES OF FIELD ORDERS.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. SPLASHER BEACONS: 3A, 4B, 6C, 5D, 7E, 8F, 9G, 11H, 16I

B. GEE INFORMATION: EASTERN WYOMING AND SOUTHERN UTAH

C. MF D/F SECTION "N"

D. AUTHENTICATORS:

W/T:- BOMBER CODE GROUP FOR THE LETTER "Y"

VHF:- "ALAMO"

VHF RECALL CODE PHRASE: "BURLINGTON RAILWAY"

(NOTE: THIS PHRASE TO BE USED BY LEADERS AS AN ORDER ONLY.)

E. VHF BOMBER FIGHTER CHANNEL "C":

USAAF FIGHTERS: AMERICAN FIGHTER COMMON

F. VHF BOMBER FIGHTER CALLSIGNS:

13 COMBAT WING: VINEGROVE ONE ONE

4 COMBAT WING: VINEGROVE ONE TWO

USAAF GROUND STATION: COLGATE

USAAF FIGHTERS: BALANCE ONE

G. RCM.

(1) CARPET: NORMAL

(2) WINDOW: ALL AIRCRAFT OF THE 13 AND 4 COMBAT WINGS
WILL CARRY 360 UNITS OF CHAFF TO BE DIS-
CHARGED AT THE IP AND CONTINUING FOR FIFTEEN
MINUTES AT THE STANDARD RATE OF ONE LOT
OF FOUR UNITS EACH TEN SECONDS.

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IN CC 2. A. TARGETS. PRIMARY THIRD LINE Z-3102 RPT Z-3102 NOT Z

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SECRET 3 B.D. P-250-E

3D BOMB DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 213

1. A. FIGHTERS SUPPORT.

TO FOLLOW.

B. FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES.

1ST DIVISION (2 COM WGS) WILL ATTACK TARGET Z389 APPROX. 1 HOUR AFTER 3RD DIV TARGET TIME.

2. A. TARGETS.

PRIMAJS: CROSSBOW

Z-3067 MPI 032035/4

Z-3045

Z3102

13 WG - 3 GPS.

4 WG - 1 GP.

4 WG - 1 GP.

SECONDARY AND LAST RESORT : NONE

B. FORCE REQUIRED.

4 COM WG + 2 GPS - 21 A/C P.

13 COM WG : 3 GPS - 21 A/C GP.

45 COM WG + RELEASED FOR TRAINING.

C. ROUTE.

(1) 4 WG:

PORTLAND BILL (19,000)

4934-0227W

4917-0157W (I.P.)

TARGET Z-3045

4940-0157W

SELSEY BILL

BASES

TARGET Z-3102 ADD TWO MINUTES.

ZERO MINUS 2

ZERO PLUS 14

ZERO PLUS 22

ZERO PLUS 30

NO TIMINGS ROUTE BACK

(2) 13 WG:

PORTLAND BILL (21,000)

4934-0227W

4917-0157W (I.P.)

TARGET

4935-0117W

SELSEY BILL

BASES

ZERO PLUS 3

ZERO PLUS 18

ZERO PLUS 26

ZERO PLUS 34

NO TIMINGS ROUTE BACK

TIMINGS FOR LEAD GROUP.

SECOND GP. ADD 2 MINS.

THIRD GP. ADD 4 MINS.

(3) DESCENT TO MINIMUM ALTITUDE WILL BEGIN AT ENEMY COAST ROUTE BACK.

C. BOMBING ALTITUDES.

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4 WG: 19,000

13 WG: 21,000

3. X. (1) ZERO HOUR : 0930 D.B.S.T. 28 APRIL 1944

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ANNEX NO. 1 TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER NO. 213.

1. A. FIGHTER SUPPORT

356 GP. P-47'S WILL FURNISH GENERAL AREA SUPPORT FOR
3RD DIVISION, WITHDRAWING FROM THE TARGET AREA 10
MINUTES AFTER LAST DEPARTING BOMBERS.

CALLSIGN: BALANCE ONE ONE

2. C. CORRECTED TIMINGS:

(1) 4 WG:

PORTLAND BILL (19,000)
4934-0227W
4917-0157W (I.P.)
TARGET Z-3045
4940-0157W
SELSEY BILL
BASES

ZERO HOUR
ZERO PLUS 15
ZERO PLUS 22
ZERO PLUS 30
NO TIMINGS ROUTE BACK

TARGET Z-3102 ADD 2 MINS.

(2) 13 WG:

PORTLAND BILL (21,000)
4934-0227W
4917-0157W
TARGET
4935-0117W
SELSEY BILL
BASES

ZERO PLUS 4
ZERO PLUS 19
ZERO PLUS 26
ZERO PLUS 34
NO TIMINGS ROUTE BACK

SECOND GP. ADD 2 MINS.
THIRD GP. ADD 4 MINS.

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SECOND INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO F. O. NO. 213

ATTACK OF THE 27TH

THE 8TH AIR FORCE TACKLED 26 TARGETS IN THE PAS DE CALAIS-
CHERBOURG AREA SCORING WITH SIX EXCELLENTS, SIX GOOD, TEN
FAIR, THREE POOR AND ONE UNOBSERVED. OUT OF THE LARGE DISPATCH
OF PLANES LOSSES TOTALED FIVE WITH NO CLAIMS. 262 P-47S, 76
P-51S, AND 149 P-38S PROVIDED AN ESCORT TOTALING 487 PLANES OUT
OF WHICH TWO WERE LOST WITH CLAIMS 0-0-3 ON THE GROUND. IN THE
TWILIGHT ATTACK 5 GROUPS OF THIS DIVISION ATTACKED THE LAST
RESORT TARGET, LE CULOT A/D WITH GROUPS REPORTING FAIR TO GOOD
RESULTS AND ONE GROUP ATTACKED THE A/D AT OSTEND/MIDDELKERKE
WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS - 2 AIRCRAFT LOST.

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO F.O. 213

Z-3067 - Z-3102 AND Z-3045

TODAY'S TARGETS INVOLVE A MOP-UP OPERATION OF YESTERDAY'S
TARGETS ATTACKED BY THE 1ST DIVISION WITHOUT BEING KNOCKED OUT.
ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO MOSAICS OF APPROXIMATE SCALE OF
1 TO 65,000 BEING ISSUED FOR TARGET AREA.

0230 hrs.

Pre-briefing 1 hr. 45 min.
before regular briefing (for lead
cases)

Briefing
approx. 4 a.m.
0415 hrs.

FLAK:

Z-3045 AND Z-3102

THERE ARE TWENTY-FOUR GUNS WITHIN GOOD RANGE OF THESE
TARGETS AND A SHARP LEFT TURN AFTER
BOMBING SHOULD EVADE THE REST OF THE DEFENSES.

Z-3067

THERE ARE THIRTY-TWO GUNS ~~WITHIN~~ WITHIN RANGE OF THIS TARGET
AND A COURSE OF DUE EAST AFTER BOMBING WILL EVADE THE DEFENSES
QUICKEST.

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13 CBW FIELD ORDER 213

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2. A. THIS WING ATTACKS PURSUANT TO 3 BD F.O. 213

B. TARGET Z - 3067 ALL GROUPS

C. (1) GROUPS WILL PROCEED INDIVIDUALLY MAKING GOOD THE FOLLOWING POINTS AND TIMES: 1AS 150 MPH - 200 FT PER MIN. CLIMB.

(2) SPL 8 - 12,000
SPL 11 - 16,000
SPL 13 - 21,000
PORTLAND BILL 21,000

ZERO MINUS 52
ZERO MINUS 30
ZERO MINUS 6
ZERO PLUS E 3

TIMINGS ARE FOR 390 GR. 95 GR ADD 2 MIN.
100 GR ADD 4 YEX MIN.

3. A. 390 GR 21 A/C LEADS
95 GR 21 A/C 2 ND
100 GR 21 A/C 3 RD

X. (1) FUEL LOAD 1700 GALS

(2) TRAIN INTERVAL MINIMUM

(3) BOMB LOAD 6 X 1000 GP 1/10 X 1/40

(4) GROUPS WILL SPACE THEMSELVES PRIOR TO IP SO THERE IS GOOD TARGET VISIBILITY AND NO INTERFERENCE ON BOMB RUN.

(5) WEATHER A/C 100 GR.

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5. A. (1) PYROTECHNICS:
390 GR R
95 GR RG
100 GR RY

(2) LEADERS:

CAPT OGDEN
COL KELLY

(3) R/T CALLSIGNS
FIREBALL GREEN
FIREBALL RED
FIREBALL YELLOW

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ANNEX NO 1 TO 13TH COMBAT BOMN WING FO 213

2. C. (2) ASSEMBLY (CORRECTED TIMINGS)
SPL 8 ZERO MINUS 49
SPL 11 ZERO MINUS 28
SPL 13 ZERO MINUS 4
PORTLAND BILL ZERO PLUS 4

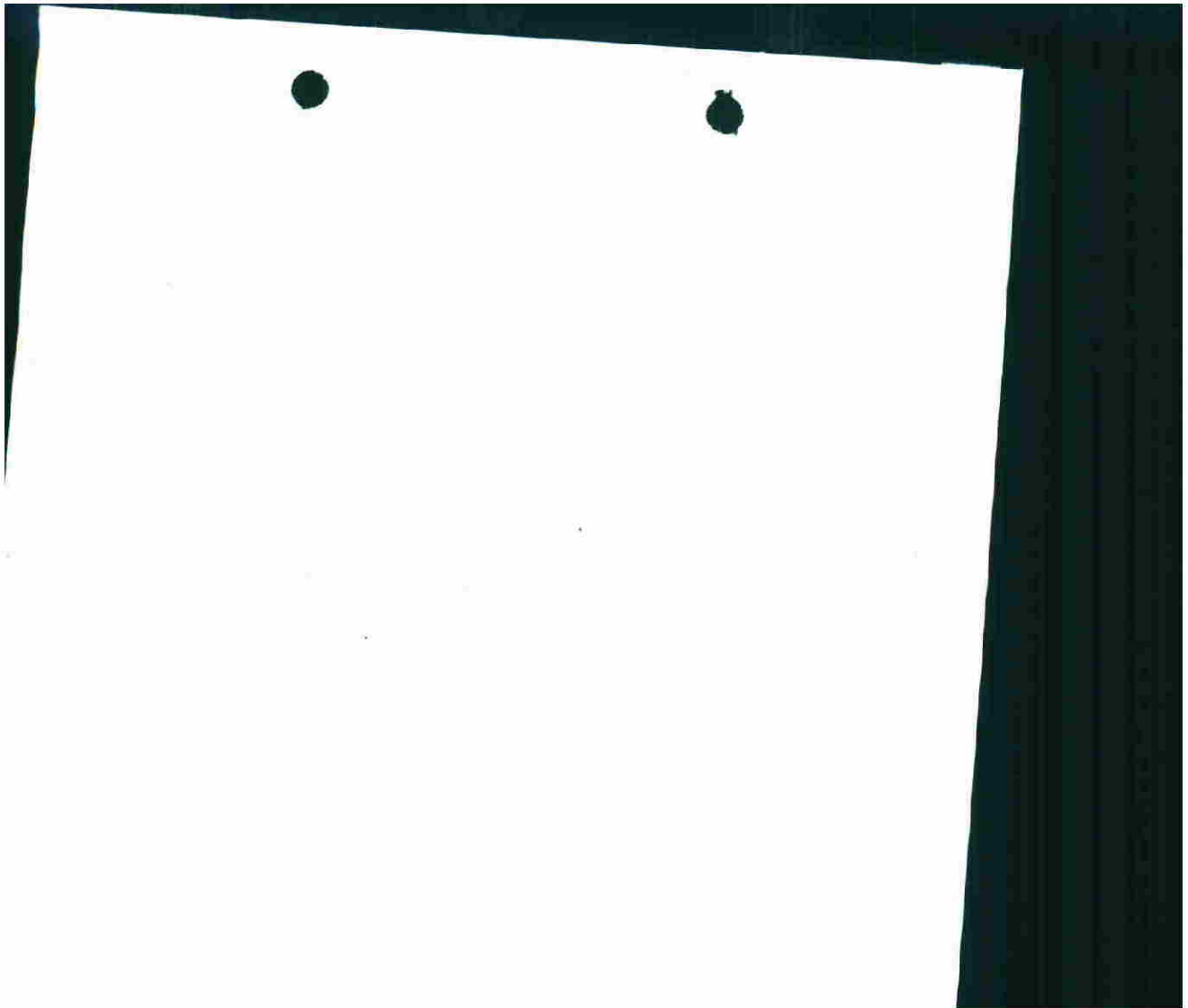
5. A. (2) LEADERS

390 GR MAJOR DOLAN

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